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Results of investigations into 2 casino applicants known today

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Members of the public can now draw their own conclusions whether Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. or Best Sunshine International Ltd. deserves to win a hard-fought license to build a casino on Saipan once consultants reveal this afternoon the results of their investigation and review. The Lottery Commission could award an exclusive casino license as early as tomorrow.

» Inos signs Saipan casino law fix in retirees' presence
» Group says law kills referendum petitions with over 4,200 signatures

This comes after Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law on Friday a controversial bill that fixes the ambiguities of the Saipan casino law and fully empowers the Lottery Commission to grant a casino license.

Inos is optimistic that an exclusive casino license would be granted soon, giving the CNMI economy a "shot in the arm."

The governor signed House Bill 18-195, House Draft 1 into Public Law 18-56 in the presence of mostly retirees who once again trooped to Capital Hill to ensure the bill is enacted to pave the way for a grant of a license, which would trigger the release of $30 million to pay for

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2014 Miss Marianas Teen Gianna Chantal Sizemore Camacho, left, and 2014 Miss Marianas First Runner-Up Tiana Tudela Reyes have their picture taken moments after being named winners in the pageant Saturday night at the Saipan World Resort.
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Camacho is 2014 Miss Marianas Teen

» Reyes bags first runner-up title, 5 other awards

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Gianna Chantal Sizemore Camacho was crowned 2014 Miss Marianas Teen, while Tiana Tudela Reyes bagged the 2014 Miss Marianas First Runner-Up during a night of pomp and pageantry that Stellar Marianas successfully pulled off on Saturday after a six-year hiatus.

Camacho also walked off with the Miss Photogenic award, while Reyes bagged five other awards: Best in Talent, Best in Evening Gown, Best in Fitness, Best in Fun Fashion, and IT&E Texters' Choice Award.

Camacho, who comes from a family of beauty queens, will represent the CNMI in the Miss Teen International pageant after besting 15 other contestants.

"I'm so happy," Camacho, 16, said moments after bagging the tiara, and went on to thank her mother, 1982 Miss Marianas Universe Sheryl Sizemore, her stepfather Harry Blanco, sisters, the whole family and nonprofit pageant and talent group Stellar Marianas. "I could

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro are joined by justices and judges of the Judiciary, probation officers and others for the 14th Annual Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week proclamation signing on July 11, 2014.

Inos, Castro sign joint proclamation for Parole and Probation Week

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro jointly signed on Friday a proclamation declaring July 13 to 19 as Juvenile & Adult Probation and Parole Supervision Week.

In signing the proclamation at the CNMI Supreme Court, Inos and Castro urged all residents to recognize, honor, and celebrate community corrections officers "for their vital support, services, and protection in our communities and in local, state, national, and international areas."

Inos underscored the importance of the work of probation and parole officers in protecting the community by helping probationers and parolees be rehabilitated, return to the community, and live useful lives.

In his keynote speech, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman said that probation, parole officers, and many others involved in community corrections play an indispensable role in implementing and enforcing those goals so essential to maintaining the rule of law.

Wiseman said these officers must provide guidance in future conduct to persons who have been convicted of crimes, to promote their rehabilitation, and to monitor the restitution to victims, along with other probation terms and conditions.

When a criminal defendant is on probation or parole, he is serving his sentence in the community without being behind bars but under restrictive standards and under the watchful and supervising eyes of the probation and parole officers, Wiseman said.

"The criminal justice system could not function properly without these and other community correction professionals," he added.

» Ex-convict CUC supervisor thankful after being given the opportunity to work and prove himself

JIM STOWELL
Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro sign the 14th Annual Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week proclamation. Also pictured are Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja and Chief Probation Officer Ursula Lifoifoi-Aldan.

At the ceremony, Victor Flores, an ex-convict, talked about his life after serving in prison for eight years for sexual assault in the first degree in Hawaii.

Flores said he came home and was very thankful to the Board of Parole for giving him the opportunity to prove himself.

Flores said he honors the trust afforded him and that he is now a supervisor at the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

"This is a great opportunity for me," Flores said. "It's been a tremendous journey." ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Tourism Topics

A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority

Tourism is everybody's business.

2014 Taipei Tourism Expo

The **Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA)** joined the **2014 Taipei Tourism Expo (TTE)** in May to increase awareness of the Northern Marianas as a popular vacation destination for visitors and to increase the sales of NMI tour packages.

The MVA was joined by **Pacific Islands Travel Agency**, **Asiana Airlines**, and **Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino** at the 2-day event. A special promotion offered 4N5D Saipan and 5N6 D Saipan + Guam packages.

Two thousand flyers were distributed at the MVA booth, and the NMI was featured in **Travel Rich Magazine**, **Travel Trends News Magazine**, and **World Travel Weekly** magazine.

Saipan Tinian Rota

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NOAA research opens doors for NMC student

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A local student's first time out at sea turned out to be a hands-on, in-your-face encounter with the beauty of the Northern Islands and the professional science work being done there.

Shirley Taitano, 21, who studies natural resource management at the Northern Marianas College, was recommended by her professor, Matthew Crane, to assist an expedition in the Northern Islands.

Dr. Robert Humphreys, of NOAA's Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, led the research aboard the vessel *Oscar Elton Sette*.

Humphreys returned to the islands after 30 years to continue what is called life history research on bottomfish in the Northern Islands. That involves studying the otoliths, or earbones of the fish, to learn a stock's length-at-age, longevity, and health.

Data on the biological life of a fish can gauge whether a stock is more vulnerable to fishing than others. A more productive fishery, with high turnover, like the mahi mahi are less vulnerable because of the rate they reproduce, as opposed to sharks, which are not very productive.

Joining Taitano and NOAA scientists were a local team from the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality.

Taitano was the only NMC student onboard. Her daily activities on the vessel included processing fish and helping other scientists with their projects.

"Our data sheet had what species of fish we caught, the weight, length, gonad weight, and how many otoliths were taken out," she said.

Research was done in the waters of Uracus, Maug, and Asuncion.

"I've heard many stories, seen pictures of the Northern Islands, but when it's right in front of you, it is just so beautiful," Taitano said.

According to her, there were a lot of coconut and tall trees, none of which were smothered by invasive vines.

Her favorite island was Maug, which is actually three islands sitting atop a sunken volcano.

"In the caldera, there are actual gas bubbles emerging from the seafloor so that tells me there are vents."

She said a highlight of her trip was seeing the different islands and knowing that not many local residents get to have the same experience.

On working with the NOAA scientists, she said it was great to get hands-on experience with different researchers with the same interests as she has. "That really opened my mind as to what I want to do specifically in the future."

Taitano wants to pursue marine biology, studying either ichthyology or coral reef ecology.

"Never turn down an opportunity that will open your mind and open doors for you in the future!" she said. "If I could redo it all again, I would in a heartbeat."

While Taitano was the only NMC student aboard, Jaime Barlowe, a NOAA scientist on the research vessel, said they are engaging students from NMC to be a part of their research.

"We're here to empower people that are starting out," he said.

The expedition is currently finishing the second leg of its research around the islands of Pagan, Guguan, Sarigan, and Anatahan.

SECURITY DEPOSIT HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio, left, receives from Honest Profit International Ltd. president Sam Chan a $100,000 check as security deposit for the lease of a San Antonio property where the Hong Kong-based company plans to build a $130-million, 300-room hotel. Honest Profit signed the lease agreement with DPL on July 9, 2014, at the Office of the Governor's conference room.

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CAMACHO

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not have done any of this without you."

Sizemore said she was excited for her daughter's victory, adding that her daughter's hard work and positive attitude helped her win the crown. Her daughter is an incoming junior at Saipan International School.

"And I also know there was a bit of pressure for her because it runs in the family. We're a family of beauty queens. Both my sister and I were beauty queens," said the 1982 Miss Marianas Universe whose crown was passed to her by her sister, Cindy Sizemore, the 1981 Miss Marianas Universe.

Reyes, for her part, said it's been a "long journey" and is also thankful for the outpouring of support and encouragement.

"I feel great. It's amazing to even have the first runner-up title. It's been such a long journey and I feel that I worked hard and I feel great about this award," the 16-year-old Reyes said moments after the pageant proper ended at World Resort Saipan in Susupe.

Like Camacho, Reyes also plans on joining the Miss Marianas Universe when they get older. Reyes is an incoming senior at Saipan Southern High School.

Besides Camacho and Reyes, the three others that made it to the Top 5 were Emmalou Mae Dela Cruz Cabrera, an incoming senior at Kagman High School; Allysha Hillary Sabanal Lloren, a Saipan Southern High School graduate; and Savannah Lyn Relox Delos Santos, an incoming senior at Mount Carmel School.

The 16-year-old Delos Santos was bestowed the 2014 Stellar Star Award and the 2014 Miss Teen Marianas Friendship Award.

Each of the Top 5 contestants answered the same question from program host Nola Hix, "What's the third industry would you introduce in the CNMI?"

The contestants came up with varied answers: For Cabrera, it's recycling to address littering on the islands; for Lloren, an oil industry that she hopes will alleviate the hardships caused by exorbitant gas prices in the CNMI; for Delos Santos, a unique chicken kelaguen industry; for Camacho, an industry that brings together different cultures; and for Reyes, a clothing industry that the CNMI can be proud of in terms of style.

The 16 teen contestants for 2014 flashed their pearly whites, strutted in their evening gowns, showcased their creative talents, and shared a piece of their mind in a quest for the tiara, a $1,000 cash and an all-expense-paid travel opportunity to compete at the Miss Teen International, among other things.

The other pageant contestants were Maria Theresa Dela Rosa Dizon, Nemerlyn Marianas Magat, Marcelyn Quitugua Castro, Aiko Denoso Erungel, Chelsea Karen Llova Fama, Sheena Virrey Serrano, Renita Shanel De Leon Fleming, Lynette Joyce Vasquez, Aurora Felizario David, Jacklyn Montuerto Garote, and Michella Anne Manuel Faller.

2014 Miss Idaho USA Yvette DLG. Bennett, who hails from Saipan, crowned the 2014 Miss Marianas Teen. Pageant sponsors presented the other awards.

The panel of judges included Tan Holdings Corp. senior vice president and chief financial officer Eli Arago; 2014 Miss Idaho USA Yvette DLG. Bennett; DFS Saipan area general manager Bruce Lorange; Delta Air Lines sales executive Christopher A. Concepcion; and RE/MAX Paradise Realty manager Natalie Mable E. Ayuyu. Ernst & Young was the tabulator.

In between competitions, families, sponsors, and other guests were treated to performances from Saipan Music and Dance Studio, CNMI Got Talent winner Bernice Sabino, and Marianas High School Glee Club.

Stellar Marianas, a nonprofit pageant and talent group, is the brain behind Little Miss Marianas, Miss Marianas Teen, and Miss Marianas Universe pageants. Stellar Marianas took a break from organizing these pageants in 2008. In January 2015, the group will hold the Miss Marianas Universe pageant.

RESULTS

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the retirees' deferred 25 percent pension and interests on withdrawn defined benefit plan contributions, among other things.

Inos said retirees and former defined benefit plan members' efforts to band together "made a lot of impact" to ensure that the repeal and reenact bill would pass the House of Representatives and the Senate last week.

Concerned citizen Leila Staffler, meanwhile, said yesterday the legal opinions that they have sought mentioned the "high possibility" that the newly-signed law will kill the casino and electronic gaming referendum petitions signed by more than 4,200 individuals.

"This tactic also bears to question that if lawmakers can repeal laws that are being litigated in court, then there really is no justice. A lawmaker can always go in and change a law that they have a liability for while in court," Staffler told *Saipan Tribune* when sought for comment.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIIO

Retirees crowd the governor's main conference room on Capital Hill on Friday to witness Gov. Eloy S. Inos sign into law a bill fixing ambiguities in the Saipan casino law.

Rating

Lottery Commission chair Sixto Igisomar said casino investigator B2G Global Strategies and gaming consultant The Innovation Group will be presenting this afternoon a report on their review and investigation of the two casino applications, including the scores they obtained in each of the criteria, including financial capability and business experience in gaming.

The presentation will be held during the Lottery Commission's meeting at 2pm today at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

The Lottery Commission will meet again tomorrow at 2pm at the same location to, among other things, decide on a "casino license" as stated in their public notice on Friday.

Law signing

On Friday, retirees crowded the governor's main conference room and the lobby of the governor's office building on Capital Hill to witness the governor's scheduled 1pm signing of the repeal and reenact bill. The bill was signed at 1:20pm.

The governor also recognized three individuals for organizing the retirees: Greg "Kazuma" Camacho, Clyde Norita, and Joe Aldan. Joe Pangelinan also represented former and active DB plan members.

"We have proven that we are an important part of the community. We have a powerful voice," Aldan said, hoping that the same kind of interest and enthusiasm would be seen on other issues affecting retirees.

Norita, for his part, said he's "touched" by retirees' show of force.

"We won because of our collective efforts," he said, likening the events of the past months to a sleeping bear that's been poked several times and will surely "roar" and fight back. He said his other disappointment is the lack of action by an existing group that's supposed to represent the interests of retirees, the Commonwealth Retirees Association.

Lawmakers who pushed for and supported HB 18-195 also spoke, including House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Senate vice president Victor Hocog (R-Rota), Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), and bill author House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan).

Retirees also shared their views, including former representative Joe Palacios and Roman Tudela.

Before the start of the ceremony, retiree Pedro DLG. Pangelinan, 69, told his fellow retirees that in an island community, many of them could be related to lawmakers who did not support the passage of HB 18-195.

"I don't care if they are your relatives—they didn't want us to get our 25 percent. Why would we give our votes to them? They didn't support us, why should we support them?" he said.

Tony C. Cruz, 66, said he's happy and relieved that HB 18-195 is now law, so that a casino license could be granted and therefore release $30 million in bank deposit that will be used to pay retirees, among other things.

"Utility bills are too high. I get $643 cut every month, that's a big amount that could have gone to paying my utilities and food," he said in an interview.

Cruz also said if the former NMI Retirement Fund was not made into a "loan agency," there would still be more funds left for retirees. He mentioned that government agencies that owe the Fund money are not being "made" to pay back.

"Who is monitoring their payment? I heard they owe some $7 million. That would have gone to retirees," he added.

Retirees plan to meet again on other issues, including a possible revival of a cost-of-living adjustment. The governor acknowledged this.

Inos said he will also submit and resubmit to lawmakers as early as this week nominees to the regulatory Casino Commission. He withdrew his three nominations because the 90-day was approaching without a public hearing set for the nominees, plus two of the three nominees declined their nomination.

Referendum petitions

Individuals leading the referendum petitions to reject the Saipan casino and electronic gaming laws and instead put them on the ballot have reiterated their concerns about the repeal and reenact bill, especially now that it's law.

"Although the AG has not made a decision as of yet, the legal opinions that we have consulted did make mention of the possibilities, the high possibility, that to repeal and reenact a law makes the law in question moot," Staffler said.

Their petitions were directly tied to Public Laws 18-43, 18-43, and 18-30. The first two were repealed and reenacted in their entirety as a result of the governor's signing of HB 18-195 on Friday and Staffler said PLs 18-38 and 18-43 "do not exist anymore."

"The law that is in existence is HB 18-195 [now PL 18-56]. There is no petition for 19- 195. Nor can we get a petition for 18-195 because the due date for petitions to get on this November ballot was Monday last week," Staffler added.

Options

Staffler said there are still options to rally voters again, this time to put something on either during a special election or in the 2016 ballot "where we can have an option to allow voters to vote on the issue through a public initiative."

"This will require signature gathering from the beginning again and will probably need more than the 4,000 originally gathered. It is a very arduous journey ahead but it is a worthwhile journey because the people deserve to be heard," she said.

Another option, she said, would be for new elected leaders to make amendments to the current law "that would put it on hold so that people could have a vote in a special election or through a legislative initiative—all of this with the intent to get the consensus of the people."

"This will also let us have time to look deeply into what happens when casinos come into a community; to look at the big picture and plan ahead so that our infrastructure, our power grid, and our social outreach is adequate to accommodate an industry such as this. We must plan ahead or we risk making mistakes of our past. And I know we can agree that it is the mistakes of our past that make us so desperate to rush this through in the first place. Again, until the AG disqualifies the petitions, I will pray that we will all get a chance to vote on this issue in November, but I'm not going to hold my breath," Staffler added.

Authorizing casino operation on Saipan continues to be a divisive issue in the CNMI.

Another suspect in Pretty Tour burglary identified, arrested

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Another suspect in the burglary at Pretty Tour Car Rental in Garapan has been arrested and has reportedly admitted his role to police investigators.

As this developed, the alleged principal suspect, Roland Hernandez Muña, was taken to Superior Court on Friday on charges of burglary, theft, and theft of vehicle. Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a $50,000 cash bail.

Police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that John Deleon Guerrero was arrested on July 1 and that he admitted that he was with Muña when the latter burglarized Pretty Tour Car Rental office in the evening of June 30, 2014.

Pangelinan said surveillance cameras at two establishments corroborated Deleon Guerrero's statements.

Deleon Guerrero has yet to be taken to court as police are still doing further investigation.

Pangelinan said two police officers were dispatched to Pretty Tour Car Rental on July 1 at 7:54am, after receiving a report of a burglary and theft incident.

The Pretty Tour employee disclosed that unknown suspects managed to get inside the office by entering a small bathroom window. The suspects then exited through the back door.

Stolen were a cell phone and several keys for Ford Mustangs, Toyota 4 Runners, FJ Cruisers, and keys to an apartment on the second floor of the Pretty Tour Car Rental building. The FJ Cruiser with license plate ACS 903 was stolen from the parking lot.

Later that day, police placed an "all post bulletin" for police officers to be on the lookout for the stolen FJ Cruiser.

A police officer spotted the FJ Cruiser and pulled it over near the Ichiban Ramen noodle place in Garapan. The driver, identified as Jameson P. Hemley, confessed to police that Muña, Deleon Guerrero, and Alexander Borja gave him the vehicle in the early morning of June 30.

Hemley disclosed that Muña, Deleon Guerrero, and Borja were operating a red mini smart car.

At 8:42am on that same day of July 1, a police officer spotted the mini smart car along Beach Road in Chalan Laulau and identified the driver as Deleon Guerrero and the passengers as Borja and Joseph T. White.

The officers recovered from the car the stolen car keys and keys to a hotel room.

Deleon Guerrero was then arrested and detained for illegal possession of stolen items.

On the same day at 12:23pm, two police officers spotted a car being driven by Muña near Martha's Store in Garapan. Muña and his passengers, Regina Bowie and John Blas, were escorted to Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation for interview.

Bowie was found in possession of the stolen key for a Ford Mustang owned by Pretty Tour.

Bowie confessed that in the early morning of June 30 at the KFC Poker parking lot, Muña flashed a bundle of keys and bragged that he has a Mustang, Hummer, and FJ Cruiser at his parking lot.

Bowie told police that Muña handed her the key to the Ford Mustang that was found in her possession. Another woman said she saw Muña hand the key to Bowie.

Muña, 25, exercised his constitutional rights and refused to give a statement to police.

Police arrested Muña in Dandan on Thursday afternoon. His arrest was made after the NMI Crime Stoppers Program issued a press release, seeking the community's assistance in finding him.

Crime Stoppers coordinator Jason Tarkong said Muña eluded police officers who tried to serve him with an arrest warrant.

Quichocho posts $1,200 cash bail; asks court to quash bench warrant

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Lawyer Ramon K. Quichocho posted a $1,200 cash bail and asked the federal court to quash the bench warrant it issued against him.

Quichocho

At the same time, in a motion filed Friday, Quichocho asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to allow him to appear in court telephonically for the show cause hearing on the civil contempt issue because he is currently out of the CNMI.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona issued the bench warrant for Quichocho's arrest last July 7 for failing to appear at a show cause hearing that day. She imposed a $1,200 cash bail.

The judge said she would address the issue of finding the lawyer in civil contempt separately when Quichocho is already present before the court.

Manglona said if and when Quichocho does make some sort of transmission of funds, the money would be held in a trust until the hearing on the civil contempt issue.

In his motion to quash on Friday, Quichocho said he tendered the $1,200 bail money to the clerk's office on Thursday.

Quichocho said he is off-island and will be out of the CNMI for about three months and will therefore be unable to appear in person on the hearing date, if set for anytime within the three months.

He said he has been off-island since June 10, 2014, for personal and medical reasons. He said he will be available via teleconference for the hearing on the order to show cause.

Last June 30, Manglona ordered Quichocho to show cause why he should not be held in civil contempt for refusing to pay sanctions for $1,200 in attorney's fees.

The order to show cause hearing was set for July 7 at 10am.

Quichocho failed to appear at the hearing.

Attorney Mark Scoggins appeared at the July 7 hearing as counsel for Ming Yang Corp., which owns Ming Yang Market.

Scoggins stated that since the filing of Quichocho's motion for reconsideration, the latter had claimed to be traveling.

Scoggins disclosed that he had received one email from Quichocho a week ago that he was still off-island and had not heard from him since.

Manglona issued the $1,200 sanction order against Quichocho on June 16 for his late submission of his opposition to Ming Yang Corp.'s motion to dismiss a lawsuit. Part of the sanction included paying Ming Yang Corp.'s legal fees in preparing for a motion. Manglona ordered Quichocho to pay the fees no later than June 25, 2014.

Last June 24, however, Quichocho filed a motion to reconsider Manglona's order. He claimed that his opposition was due June 12, but that he left Saipan for personal and medical reasons on June 10, so he could not file an opposition.

Manglona denied the motion and gave Quichocho until June 27, to pay the sanctions.

As Quichocho failed to pay the sanctions on June 27, Scoggins, filed a petition for an order to show cause. Manglona granted the petition.

Quichocho served as counsel for William A. Tracy, who sued several businesses, including Ming Yang, for allegedly having facilities that are not accessible to persons with disabilities. Tracy was reportedly found dead last Feb.7. The case has since been dismissed.

Last May 28, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho issued an order suspending Quichocho's license to practice law for three years for professional misconduct when he used a legal tool to harass a former client to coerce payment.

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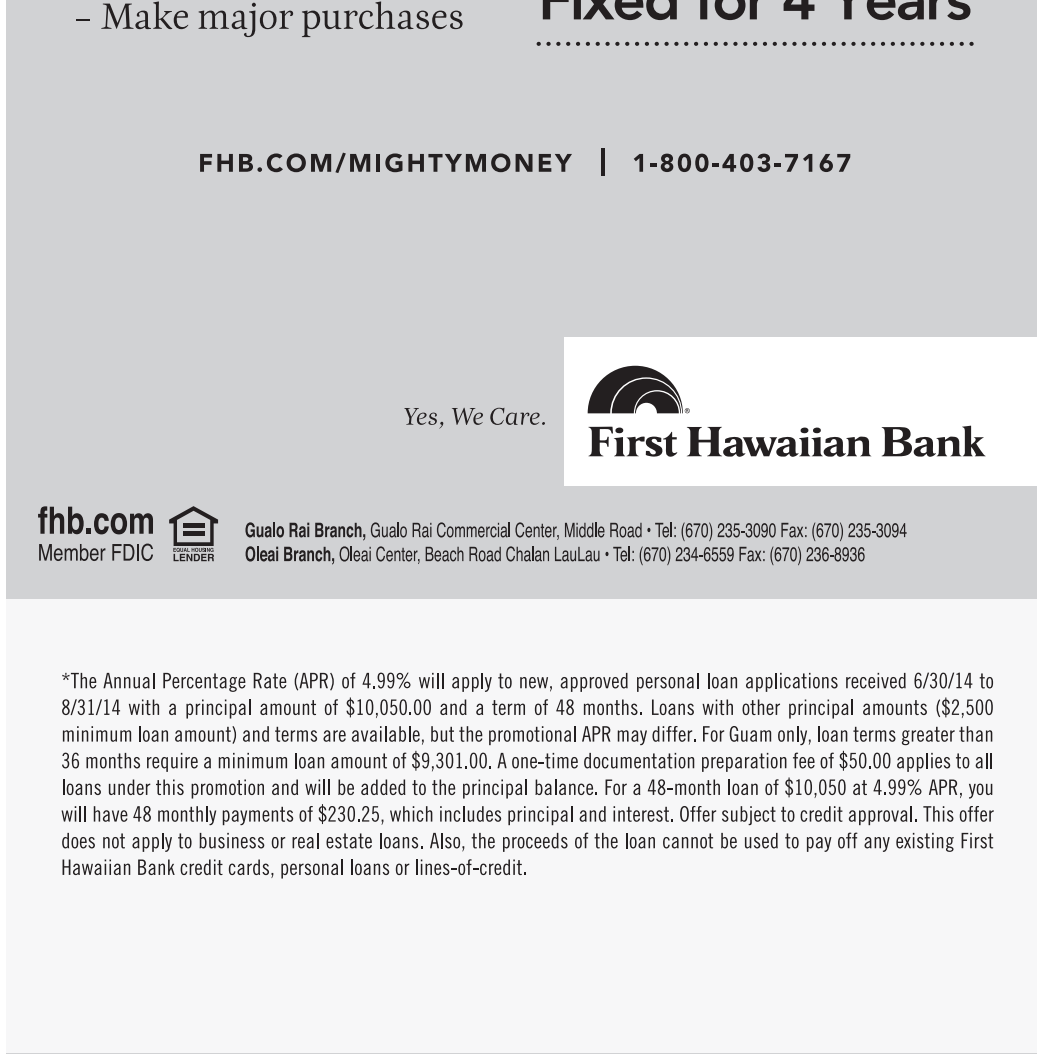
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CNMI PRIDE HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Shirley Ann Tudela Sablan, center and holding the microphone, addresses the Senate moments after senators presented her on Thursday afternoon on Capital Hill with a resolution commending her recent awards, including 2014 First Hawaiian Bank and Guam Business Magazine Businesswoman of the Year. Sablan, the executive vice president and general manager of Pacific Insurance Underwriters Inc., is joined by her family at the Senate presentation.

14 graduate from Judiciary Summer Pre-law Program

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REPORTER

In 1991, Ramona V. Manglona joined the first Judiciary Summer Pre-law Program, a three-week course intended to simulate the demands experienced by first-year law students. Manglona became a lawyer and is now the chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

On Friday, Savana V. Manglona, daughter of Judge Manglona and Associate Justice John Manglona, graduated with 13 others from the same Summer Pre-Law Program.

"I feel great that we all finished the program," Savana Manglona, 21, told *Saipan Tribune* after the graduation ceremony held in the CNMI Supreme Court.

Savana Manglona said they all started out not knowing what to expect but through the guidance of professors Robert J. Desiderio and Rose Cuison-Villazor, they learned a whole lot.

Savana remembered her mother saying that when she joined the same program in 1991 she was actually pregnant with her brother.

Savana will be entering her senior year at the University of California at Berkeley and will be applying to law school this fall.

Tina R. Cruz, 32, is colorblind and requires a wheelchair but that did not stop her from completing the program. She was in tears when she received her certificate.

» Daughter of justice and judge among the graduates

"I'm proud of myself. I'm a role model for all people with disabilities," said Cruz, a student of the Northern Marianas College.

To complete the program, Cruz's nephew volunteered to come along in the class to assist her.

Carmen Borja, 20, said she really appreciated the three-week program, describing it as "so intense." She said the guidance and mentorship the program provides goes beyond what is expected.

"It's intense. It challenges the students to think beyond their comfort area and to analyze things," said Borja, the daughter of Nora and Raymond Borja.

Since the CNMI Judiciary started the program in 1991, there have been eight programs already and Professor Desiderio taught six of them. There were only a few local lawyers back then but, as a result of this program, the number has grown dramatically, he said.

Desiderio practices law with Sanchez, Mowrer and Desiderio, P.C. in the areas of tax-exempt organizations, tax law, and business and commercial transactions. He is currently a professor emeritus at the University of New Mexico, teaching state and local taxation, tax-exempt organizations, and remedies.

Professor Cuison-Villazor said the 14 students are very hardworking, intellectually engaging, and critical thinkers.

Cuison-Villazor said the program is critical in promoting and supporting a new group of law students from the CNMI.

"It's really important in promoting and supporting new aspiring law students and eventual lawyers," she said.

She said she enjoys teaching the program.

"This is my second time doing it and it is an honor and privilege to be in the program again," said Cuison-Villazor, who is a product of Mt. Carmel School.

Cuison-Villazor is a law professor at the University of California at Davis School of Law. She teaches and writes in the areas of property law, immigration law, race, and citizenship.

The graduates are Anthony H. Aguon from Portland State University, Carmen V. Borja of the University of Washington, Tina R. Cruz of the Northern Marianas College, Sahjahan H. Hossain of NMC, Savana V. Manglona of the University of California at Berkeley, Janina Maratita of Chaminade University, Jacklyn T. Mendiola of Portland State University, Maisie Lynn SN. Mesngon of NMC, Zalbert C. Palma of NMC, Susan S. Pascual of Manuel L. Quezon University in the Philippines, Gretchen A. Smith of the University of California at Los Angeles, Christopher A. Tenorio of the University of Oregon, Angelina T. Tretnoff of the University of Guam, and Dan Ryan B. Tumaquip of NMC.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-14-018

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 & 2015

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to perform a financial and compliance audit of the CUC for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2014 & 2015. The audit must be performed in compliance with the latest revision of the following guidelines:

1. *OMB Circular A-133*
2. *Standard for Audits of Government Organization, Programs, Activities and Function, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States*
3. *Audits of States and Local Government Units, Industry Audit guide issued by the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA)*

The date of contract award will be no later than August 29, 2014.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-14-018, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Years Ending September 2014 & 2015"to Mr. Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST), local time, on July 28, 2014.** Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All inquiries regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 11, 2014** to Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 with a copy to Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer, via email address charles_warren@cucgov.org; and Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reasons and to waive any defects in any proposals if, in its sole opinion, to do so will be in the best interest of the CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

ROGELIO C. FAUSTINO Petitioner
versus
SUSAN R. BALMACEDA-FAUSTINO Respondent

FCD DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0166

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of Court, Guma' Hustisia, Ilmwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. Joe Hill, P.O. Box 500917, Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Divorce.

By order of the above Court:

Dated this 9th day of April, 2014

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Nadia P. Murphy & Paul A. Murphy
PMB 724 Box 10006
Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone No.: (670) 484-2869/6136

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In The Matter Of The Adoption Of:
H.D.J.C.B. 01/16/06 Minor Child,
By:
Nadia P. Murphy & Paul A. Murphy Petitioners

FCD AD CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0237

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on July 21, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 205A, before the Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2014.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Guam-bound United plane diverted to Midway atoll

HONOLULU (AP)—A United Airlines flight from Hawaii to Guam was diverted to the remote island of Midway because of a mechanical issue.

The airline said Friday it flew the 335 passengers and 13 crew members from Flight 201 back to Honolulu. It put Guam-bound passengers on another flight to the U.S. territory.

The Boeing 777 was heading to Guam on Thursday when it was diverted. United says replacement aircraft brought passengers back to Honolulu Friday morning.

The Navy used the atoll 1,300 miles (2,090 kilometers) northwest of Honolulu as a base during the Cold War but left in 1996.

It's now a national wildlife refuge home to more than 1 million seabirds, green sea turtles and endangered Hawaiian monk seals.

The island's residents manage the airstrip and wildlife refuge.

Firm awarded geothermal exploration contract on Saipan

LAS VEGAS—Maevelle Energy announced last week it has been awarded a contract in joint venture with 4i's CNMI, LLC and Alexander Drilling of CNMI to begin work assessing geothermal resource potential for Saipan, the largest island of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The contract was issued by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. of the CNMI.

Although the potential for geothermal energy was highlighted in reports issued by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in 2010, advancing exploration on CNMI has, until now, been delayed. With this announcement, CUC is advancing the islands' renewable energy plan with this bold commitment to geothermal exploration and resource development. Heavily reliant on diesel fuel for electric power generation, the CNMI is challenged to provide electricity at reasonable rates due to rising fuel costs.

Developing alternative energy sources such as geothermal power is key to plans that the CUC has been meticulously developing to ensure long-term, stable, and affordable energy sources for the people of CNMI. Once verified and with strategic planning, geothermal could be integrated into the islands' grid, providing energy diversity and stable base loads while lowering consumer rates and eliminating a portion of the islands' import costs by reducing the need for oil supply.

The project will be funded by grants the CUC received from the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs.

Maevelle Energy and its partners have been selected to collect and evaluate extensive data, conduct exploratory drilling, and provide equipment and materials necessary to complete the work.

Maevelle Energy President Justin Mahlmann said: "This project is a tremendous step towards realizing goals of power generation through renewables for the Commonwealth. Helping to deliver affordable power through renewable energy to Saipan is a testament to the strength of our services."

Available information from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory suggests that the thermal gradient beneath Saipan may be sufficiently steep to provide geothermal energy to generate electricity. Under this initiative, Maevelle Energy will begin the work determining the exact nature of the resource and the potential output CNMI could expect with future developments.

Maevelle Energy provides engineering, consulting, and professional management services for utility scale renewable energy resource development and energy efficiency measures for the built environment. Whether solar, geothermal, wind or hydro, Maevelle Energy is dedicated to providing the solutions their clients need. To learn more about Maevelle Energy, LLC visit their website at www.maevelleenergy.com, or contact them at info@maevelleenergy.com. ***(PRNewswire)***

RECOGNITION CEREMONY SAIPAN WORLD RESORT

Saipan World Resort holds its 2014 General Employees Meeting and Recognition Award at the Royal Taga Hall. From right, World Resort GM Hyung Cho Kim; F&B supervisor Marlon Pineda, 2014 Taste of the Marianas Bartender Cocktail Champion and Best Sportsmanship; Human Resources manager Miriam K. Seman; HR planning clerk Jingle DeGuzman, winner of renaming of LaMer Massage to Y-Tano Massage; Ronnel Andal and Marinelo Galit, both cooks, second place winner in the 2014 Taste of the Marianas Angus Beef Chef Competition.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to Jeremy Sasamoto! Near or far, love for you will always be here. Don't forget how special you are. Enjoy your day!

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

BECQ: No tolerance for illegal pesticides

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality has been vigorous in its pursuit to stop the sale of illegal pesticides in the Commonwealth.

All pesticides in the CNMI—whether imported, sold, or used—must have the required labeling that conforms to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards.

EPA guidelines require tests that determine the harmfulness of a product to people or natural resources, before a product can be registered and allowed for sale. EPA examines the ingredients of a pesticide and ways in which the product is used and assesses the various human health and environmental effects associated with its use.

Over the last month, BECQ staff has issued notices and fines to a number of businesses that have failed to remove illegal pesticides off their shelves. Several weeks ago, Zhen Corp. dba Free Town Market was slapped with a $3,000 fine for importing and selling unregistered pesticide devices.

Bureau administrator Frank Rabauliman reminds the community of the harm to health and safety that pesticides can cause.

"Store owners and wholesalers have responsibility to make sure the pesticide chemicals and devices they import and sell have required EPA levels," he said.

Rabauliman urges business to remove illegal pesticides from their storefronts or establishments to avoid hefty fines and fees.

Also, under CNMI Pesticide regulation, it is illegal for any person within the CNMI to offer to deliver any pesticide that is unregistered, misbranded, banned, or cancelled.

For more information about pesticide regulations call the Pesticide Program at 664-8500/11 or email storagetankspecticides@deq.gov.mp. Other information on pesticides and pesticide regulations can be found at www.deq.gov.mp. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

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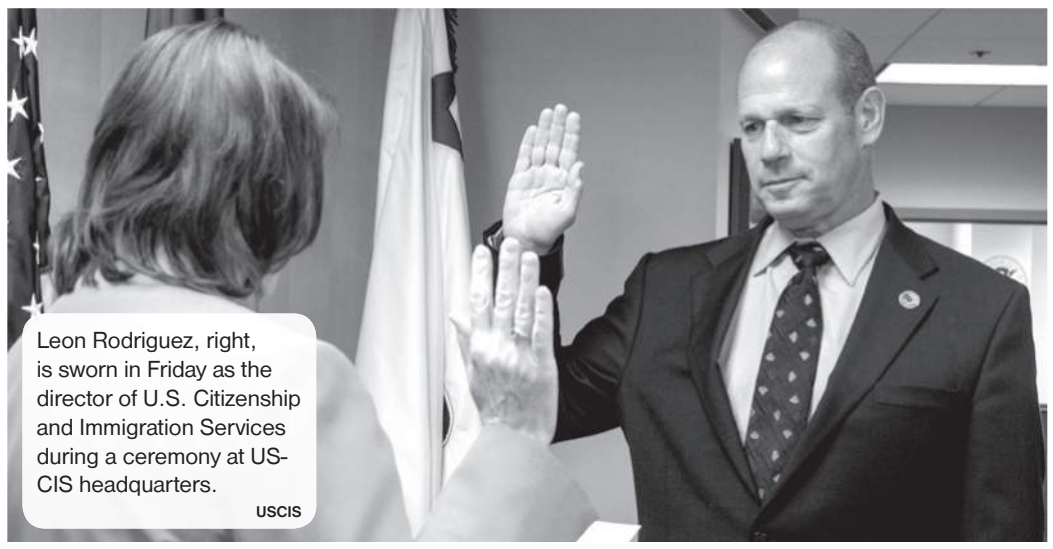
Leon Rodriguez sworn in as USCIS director

WASHINGTON—Leon Rodriguez was sworn in Friday as the director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services during a ceremony at USCIS headquarters. Rodriguez, born in Brooklyn, and raised in Miami, comes to USCIS with a broad legal background and will lead the nearly 18,000 employee agency charged with administering the nation's immigration and naturalization system.



Leon Rodriguez, right, is sworn in Friday as the director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services during a ceremony at USCIS headquarters.
USCIS

"This is both an exciting and challenging time for USCIS," Rodriguez said. "Our role in administering our nation's immigration and naturalization laws has never been more important. I look forward to working with the entire USCIS family, including our partners and constituents, to ensure that our mission is carried out with fairness and integrity."

Leon Rodriguez was confirmed by the Senate in June 2014 as the director of USCIS. He previously served as the director of the Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Health and Human Services, a position he held from 2011 to 2014. From 2010 to 2011, he served as chief of staff and deputy assistant attorney general for civil rights at the Department of Justice. Previously, Rodriguez was county attorney for Montgomery County, Maryland from 2007 to 2010. He was a principal at Ober, Kaler, Grimes & Shriver in Washington, D.C. from 2001 to 2007.

He served in the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania from 1997 to 2001, first as chief of the White Collar Crimes Section from 1998 to 1999 and then as first assistant U.S. Attorney until his departure. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Rodriguez was a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division at DOJ from 1994 to 1997 and a senior assistant district attorney at the Kings County District Attorney's Office in New York from 1988 to 1994. He received a B.A. from Brown University and a J.D. from Boston College Law School. ***(USCIS)***

Sugar Dock closed for safety reasons

The CNMI Homeland Security & Emergency Management, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Public Works, would like to inform the general public, most especially swimmers, beach goers, and boaters, that the outer dock area and 15 feet surrounding the Sugar Dock in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan is closed to the general public.

Recently the outer dock area had collapsed into the surrounding waters. Due to this incident, the remaining area of the outer portion of the dock is unstable and has been deemed unsafe and dangerous. We are urging everyone to stay clear of the area. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The outer dock area of the Sugar Dock recently collapsed into the surrounding waters. Due to this incident, the remaining area of the outer portion of the dock is unstable and has been deemed unsafe and dangerous.

Century Hotel
is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

A/C Refrigeration Mechanic (1)
Qualification: Requires post-secondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges that offer programs in air-conditioning and refrigeration , or an associate's degree. Completion of apprenticeship program or two (2) to four (4) years of experience. Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Guest Relations Agent (1)
Qualification: High School diploma or equivalent, two (2) years experience in providing quality customer and personal service. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for service and evaluation of customer satisfaction. Must be able to handle customer complaints with efficiency. Multi-tasking skills, detail oriented and effective problem solving are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays and weekends and nights.

General Maintenance Worker (1)
Qualification: Minimum of 2 years work experience as a handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with a central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid CNMI driver's license is required. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights. High School diploma or equivalent.

Guest Relations Senior Supervisor (1)
Qualification: High School diploma or equivalent training in vocational schools , related on-the-job experience or an associate's degree in hospitality or hotel management. 2 years experience in supervisory/managerial capacity in a high volume hotel is preferred. Must be able to supervise, train and coordinate all activities of the front desk ensuring the establishment is run effectively and profitably.

Housekeeping Cleaner (1)
Qualification: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of 6 months work experience in a hotel is preferred. Able to speak and write English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights. Must be able to lift and carry heavy objects.

Interested applicants may obtain and submit application form from Fiesta Resort & Spa's security office located at the South Wing of the Resort.
To be considered, all applications must be submitted no later than July 18, 2014.
Background check and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Century Hotel is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

Century Insurance Company, Ltd.
is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accountant
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 5 years work-related experience in insurance financial management and payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivable, payable, and payroll management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, GENIISYS and MS Word and Excel software. Payroll accountant must possess experience in electronic processing of timesheets, allotments, and standard and government deductions. Must be able to work under time pressure and flexible hours.

Accounting Supervisor
A Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and/or Finance from an accredited college or university with minimum of 3 years work experience in supervisory level, supervising at least 2 associates. CPA board passer and with experience in Property & Casualty Insurance accounting operations is an advantage. Knowledgeable in SAP R3 FICO System and SAP Fixed Asset Module. Background in General Insurance Information System (GENIISYS) is a plus. Proficient in analyzing financial statements and must have knowledge in external regulatory reporting requirements. Microsoft Office proficiency with advanced knowledge in Excel is a must.

Claims Officer
College graduate with a Bachelor's Degree preferably in Business Management with 10 years experience in a non-life insurance company particularly in the Claims Department. Must be knowledgeable in automotive, marine, casualty, worker's compensation, and property damage adjusting and estimation. Responsible for the evaluation, monitoring and adjustment of claims in accordance with the company practices and procedures. Must also be knowledgeable on reinsurance and have the ability to interpret statistical information for reinsurance purposes. Must have excellent customer service skills, time management, written and oral communication skills. Must be computer literate and proficient in MS Office and Oracle-based programs.

General Manager
Bachelor's Degree plus 10 years experience in the insurance business, at least 5 years of that as a general or operations manager in an insurance company. Must possess experience in managing technical underwriting including actual undertaking of risk analysis through risk survey and/or inspections of huge risks. Must have experience in managing reinsurance transactions with reinsurance brokers and reinsurers which involves undertaking of PML, Catastrophe Modeling, Setting Company Risk Retention. Must also be experienced in managing insurance claims handling including setting up of loss reserves in overseeing Claims Manager functions.

System Analyst
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science/Technology or Management Information Systems with a minimum 4 years experience in computer systems and programming. Must possess a broad knowledge and experience in computer systems, strong problem-solving and analytical skills, and the ability to think logically. Must have knowledge in Oracle server and programming, and a strong experience in insurance database and program – GENIISYS and an in-depth experience in insurance business operations. Must have good interpersonal and communication skills.

Underwriting and Claims Supervisor
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree plus 5 years of work experience in insurance business particularly in claims, underwriting, and reinsurance. Must also have knowledge, skills and ability to analyze and manipulate enterprise risk management. Must possess above average communication skills, a working knowledge of MS Word and Excel and the insurance software GENIISYS. Must be willing to take cross-functional assignments and adapt to changes necessary for the effective functioning of the organization's business operations.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Thursday, July 24, 2014.

Century Insurance Company, Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 14, 2006

Fund's unfunded liability seen to rise by $150M
The law suspending the central government's retirement payment until September 2007 is estimated to increase the plan's unfunded liability by $150 million, according to Buck Consultants. In a seven-page actuarial impact study for the NMI Retirement Fund, Buck Consultant said that any deferred timing of making required contributions to a defined benefit plan "never improves the funded position of the plan." "This situation is no different. We have estimated that, as a result of the delayed contributions to the plan, the unfunded liability of the defined benefit plan will increase by an estimated $150 million," said L. Daniel McLellan, Buck Consultant's director in the report to the Fund, which was obtained by the *Saipan Tribune*.

Tudela: Street signs being stolen
The completed street signs project on Saipan has been getting some attention, albeit not in the way they were intended, as quite a number of them have been removed, taken, or stolen from their poles. Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela told the Saipan Tribune yesterday that he was alerted to this theft of the street signs while doing his regular inspection around the island. "Some are vandalized and some are gone and stolen," said the mayor, expressing his disappointment over this.

July 14, 2007

AMP pathway collapses anew
The pathway along Micro Beach inside the federally funded American Memorial Park recently collapsed due to the tropical storm that passed the Mariana Islands this week. AMP site manager and park manager Nancy Kelchner said they discovered during regular monitoring of the park that a portion of the pathway near the park restroom at Micro Beach collapsed due to the high surf and strong waves this week. Last year, a portion of the same pathway caved in as well. Kelchner said the park will be constructing a new walkway along Micro Beach.

Saipan, Guam bartenders vie for Venice trip
Bartenders from the islands of Saipan and Guam will duke it out at the Bravo! Barista illy Café Competition next week for a chance to go to Venice, Italy in September. Pacific Wine & Spirits, Inc. in collaboration with the Aqua Resort Club, will hold the Bravo! Barista Illy Cocktail Competition Grand Finale on Saipan on July 21 at the premier Achugao hotel. The bartenders' competition will bring in the top three baristas from Guam to compete with Saipan's best bartenders, the winner of which will claim the title of being the best and the finest in the Marianas. PWS, Inc.'s Anneliese Wenden said the event starts at 9pm. She said the six baristas would compete in an "island vs. island competition" to win cash prizes, trophies, and bragging rights. The bartenders will vie for the title "Best Alcoholic Cocktail."

July 14, 2008

Talks on federalization regs start
A group of 10 federal officials is on island to begin discussions on the implementation of U.S. immigration rules in the Commonwealth. The delegation, made up of representatives of various federal government agencies, arrived on Friday and will meet with local officials until Wednesday this week. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial hosted a breakfast meeting with the visiting officials on Saturday. "I welcome our guests to the CNMI and I look forward to more discussions on how to best implement the new federal law for the CNMI's maximum economic benefit," the governor was quoted as saying in a statement released by the administration yesterday.

Dems set primary contest between Cing, Crisostimo
Sen. Luis Crisostimo and former Sen. David Cing will face off in a party primary set for Sunday, July 27, 2008, on all three islands. The NMI Democratic Party said its credentials committee has found that both candidates are qualified to run as the party's candidate in the U.S. congressional delegate election on Nov. 4, 2008. However, since there is only one seat available, the party would need to have a closed primary. This means that only registered Democrats will be allowed to vote. There has been no final decision yet as to where the primary will be held.

Herman's Bakery names head honchos

Herman's Modern Bakery, Inc. announced last week the appointment of its new general manager and assistant general manager.

Juanpan Guerrero, at a board meeting on Saturday, June 28, 2014, said that after serving the company since 1972, it's time to have a family succession, and recommended the appointments of Ana Guerrero Hayes as the new general manager and Michael Guerrero as the assistant general manager/operations manager.

During the past two years, succession planning has been in place to allow for continuity and the management's eventual transfer. Juanpan Guerrero stated that he had stayed on and served the business at the request of his mother, Tan Maria Tenorio Guerrero, and now it's time for his younger sibling and his son to take over the helm. He urged third-generation members of the family to come on board to continue the legacy of their grandparents.

"Herman's Modern Bakery, Inc. is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, and we are proud to be the oldest established business on Saipan. We look forward to continuing in the tradition of service to our community under this new leadership," said Juanpan Guerrero. ***(PR)***

Indicted Russian's family says he's innocent

MOSCOW (AP)—Family members of a Russian man charged with hacking in the United States insist he is innocent and fear he will die in custody if he doesn't have his medication.

Roman Seleznev, son of a prominent Russian lawmaker, was arrested on bank fraud and other charges this week. U.S. authorities allege he hacked into computers at hundreds of businesses including the Phoenix Zoo.

Seleznev's father, Valery, told reporters at a televised news conference Friday that his son, who was left brain-damaged after a 2011 bombing in Marrakech, will die without his medicine.

The son appeared in court Monday on the Pacific island of Guam and was ordered detained until a hearing July 22. He was arrested by the U.S. Secret Service over the weekend, according to documents in federal court in Seattle.

"There are no medical services there at all, treatment is not available," Seleznev said. "He will die."

Don Hall, a U.S. Marshals Service spokesman on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, said Guam authorities have staff to handle medical issues.

"The U.S. Marshals Service is adamant about ensuring that detainees receive all necessary medical care and prescribed medication," Hall said.

Guam, an unincorporated U.S. territory with a population of 161,000, has a public hospital, several public health clinics and a naval hospital. Detainees usually receive medical attention at the naval hospital, Police Chief Fred Bordallo said.

AP

Valery Seleznev, a prominent Russian lawmaker and the father of Roman Seleznev who was arrested on bank fraud and other charges earlier this week in the United States, listens to a question during a news conference in Moscow, Russia, Friday, July 11, 2014.

Roman Seleznev was being held in a federal facility at Agana Lockup, Guam Dept. of Corrections Officer Joe Saloma said Saturday.

Prosecutors in Guam moved this week to have Seleznev transferred to Washington state, but a judge has not issued a ruling. Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd Greenberg in Seattle said Seleznev would not be brought to Seattle until after the July 22 hearing.

Seleznev, known by his nickname of "Track2," is accused of carrying out a scheme to hack into retailers' computers, install malicious software and steal credit card numbers from 2009 to 2011.

He is accused of marketing and selling those credit card numbers on "criminally inspired websites" and using servers in the U.S., Russia, Ukraine and elsewhere.

The Russian Foreign Ministry has accused Washington of kidnapping Seleznev. U.S. officials have declined to say how or where he was apprehended.

Seleznev's girlfriend, Anna Otisko, said she was with him when he was grabbed by unknown men at Maldives Airport and put on the plane. Otisko said he was never wealthy and the vacation in the Maldives was a luxury for them.

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Qualifications: Must have minimum of 2 years work experience in providing quality customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for service and evaluation of customer satisfaction. Must be able to handle customer complaints with efficiency. High School diploma or GED certificate. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have multitasking skills, be detailed-oriented, and be able to solve problems in order to effectively deal with internal and external customers.

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Border crisis reveals pointlessness of Boehner lawsuit threat

The push and pull of Washington politics too often comes across as zero-sum nonsense, alienating Americans who want to care. That's how it must look to much of the country and especially to residents of Texas, who are struggling with an immigration crisis of mounting proportions.

It places into stark relief such silly ploys as Speaker John Boehner's vow to rally the House to pass legislation allowing it to sue President Barack Obama to force him to "follow his oath of office and faithfully execute the laws of our country."

Even quoting from Boehner's rationale gives this silly idea more credit than it's due. That it should come from a leader of a Republican Party that has fought nuisance lawsuits and activist courts for decades offers a new rung on the irony ladder.

If Boehner and congressional Republicans had exhausted all constitutional measures, that might be one thing. But it's far from the case.

It's true that a frustrated Obama has pledged to skirt Congress and unilaterally order more "pen and phone" action on areas up to and including our broken immigration system. But Boehner has better tools than a grandstanding lawsuit to make an impact.

The speaker need look only as far as the Rio Grande to see how this should work. Obama may want to move beyond Congress on immigration reform, but the crisis at the border demands more than he can order on his own.

The president, in fact, has requested $3.7 billion in emergency funding to set up new detention facilities, conduct more aerial surveillance and hire immigration judges and Border Patrol agents to respond to a flood of more than 50,000 children braving the long trek from Central America.

It's up to the House, with its power of the purse, to approve this appropriation. Boehner can block legislation from reaching the House floor, if he chooses, or use his political skills to influence the bill. But he also knows that Republicans, if they block the president on this, must offer something of their own or face significant political fallout.

Obama missed an opportunity to give the crisis heightened attention Wednesday, when he met in Dallas with Gov. Rick Perry instead of along the Rio Grande. In the same way a president makes a point in visiting a community devastated by a hurricane or tornado, Obama could have focused the nation's attention here. It's how presidents show leadership.

Another way is to work with leaders from the opposing party. Obama argues that the GOP leaves him no choice. Republicans argue that he enforces only the laws he likes. Obstructionists, he seethes. Lawless president, they shout back. And on it goes, each side aiming to score political points, with real solutions getting lost in the process.

You might be too young to remember when divided governance still worked in America, with no lawsuits needed. If all else failed, we looked to the elections always around the corner, voters' chance to hire new leadership. This is how our system was designed to work—and still could.

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Sofia, Beatriz, and Hemingwei

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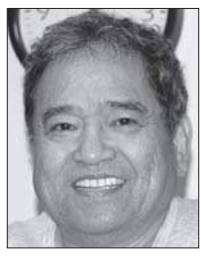

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The first two names have been in the news of late. One cannot miss Sofia Vergara's image as her attractive figure, winsome smile, and an effective public relations office grace her popular cleavage. I only have one complaint. It feels incestuous to look at her from any angle.

Beatriz' name is not as well publicized, though change the "z" to an "x" and you are with royalty of the Netherlands, but Beatriz Vergara of California etched her name into judicial history. Beatriz, along with her sister Elizabeth, figured prominently in the latest California Supreme Court bombshell that decided the automatic tenure of teachers by longevity of employ rather than a gauge on efficacy of pedagogy. In layman's term, teachers were protected even if they do not teach well, while students have no guarantee that they will learn from excellence. Not that there is ever a guarantee on either, but the *Vergara v. California* established a precedence where systems that follow the last-one-in, first-one-out of deciding employ of teachers is out.

For Sofia who is from Columbia, Beatriz and Elizabeth from California, the tie is on the Hispanic *nombre de* Vergara, spelled *Bergara,* a town in the Basque country on the western slopes of the Pyrenees in Spain where I, and my family, too, traces the wellhead of our family name.

It is in the name and the naming process that we direct our reflection. It was in Chile and Peru that I encountered a preponderance of Vergaras. I made a quip in a formal Chilean gathering by saying that I always suspected my grandfather traveled far and wide. Those who got my jest did not appreciate my sense of humor, and it was just as well that some missed the allusion altogether.

It was a French girl in Peru who said that Vergara is not only common on the western slopes of Sud America but its French equivalent *Bergerac* was also a common run-of-the-mill name, as in *Cyrano de Bergerac,* the swordsman with the elongated nose. In some parts of Europe, a name identifies where a clan is from (Tomas de Aquino for *Thomas Aquinas*), so people with the same last name tend to be from the same geographical location. The fact that one out of four Koreans is named Kim is traceable to an imperial edict that royalties came from Kim, explaining the name's preponderance on both sides of the 38th parallel divide.

Discovery of my last name actually came as a shock. Being nationalistic in my youth, regionalistic in allegiance (I campaigned for Ilocano Tony Quirino); pride in heroes of Ilokandia was in my blood, until I discovered that the Vergara brothers were mercenaries from Macabebe, Pampanga, sent to put down the Ilocano rebellions of the Silang (Diego and Gabriella) but decided to settle in San Esteban, Ilocos Sur (where Papa is from) rather than return to Central Luzon.

So, OK, we've got Vergaras explained. Where does *Hemingwei* fit in? Though I had been to Madrid, learned of Calle Principe de Vergara, I think my family name had nothing to do with DNA as it came to us in keeping with the Spanish practice of naming natives with the name of a Spanish town.

There is the matter of pronunciation in mine. "J" is pronounced like "H" as in *Jose* (Ho-seh) but "Jaime" in English often begins with the "Jay" sound, and in French, the "Sh" sound (I appropriated *j'aime la vie,* an uncommon phrase for "I love life"). The administrators at the university where I last taught spelled my name as "Hemi" they used in e-mails and bulletin board notices. University students who had to navigate their way through *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway in high school, called me by the same name, which I spelled "Hemingwei" to fit the local setting.

What's in a name? As a poet once said, a rose by any other name is still a rose. In an earlier article, I decided to pick up various meanings of Hemingwei parsed by syllables as *he,* meaning "gentle," *ming,* "regal," and *wei,* the affirmative "YES!" Hemingwei thus quickly became my name in class as the "gentle but affirming royal." The point is that our names, given or decided, reflect the story of our identity.

Sofia the Columbian movie star is also full of wisdom in her pulchritude, by all accounts, congruent to the godhead's *Sophia.* Beatriz and Elizabeth were high school students when their case was taken to court, but their names are definitely royal, in their case a feminine assertiveness to make sure that they got the education they deserved from qualified pedagogues.

Still Jaime, I am known in China as Mr. H in emails and *Hemingwei* when called. I chose its meaning to tell of my identity among many possible options, given the four tones in Chinese syllabication and the various characters that symbolizes them.

As our first names have their own significance, our last names have meanings of their own. Bergara derives from the Berbers of the nomadic shepherding tradition that expanded from the Middle East to Scotland through Greece up north to the Carpathians and west to the Pyrenees. With a name that means "a gentle but regally affirming shepherd," I not only am clear of my identity but my vocation as well.

What's in your name?

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Fourth Estate in Washington

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Folks have asked for my reaction to Delegate Kilili's recent report to the Legislature. The issues are miniscule or negligible. No wonder it never really registered on my radar screen.

What I find of substance, though, is the emergence of what's known as the Fourth Estate or Branch—federal bureaucracies—that craft and dish out tons of federal rules and regulations annually. This is most troubling given Kilili's seeming ignorance of the legal relationship of the NMI and Washington under the Covenant.

Is the CNMI a "territory" of the United States, sir? Do you realize the implication if you succumb to the definition of "territory"? Is this an issue so difficult to understand and promote given that it is U.S. law? It boggles the mind how many times—via vital legislation—have you acquiesced the use of the term "territory" that slams the NMI into a legal definition that compromises the agreement?

I've challenged Kilili to explain his obvious lack of interest to seek exemption of the NMI from Obamacare. He and the Inos administration have remained deaf, mute, and servile on this score. The Guam Legislature has begun working up a storm to delink the territory from it.

Obamacare isn't what Obama promoted and openly promised of a cut in healthcare cost per family of some $2,500. In fact, it has forced health premiums to increase beyond the reach of millions of Americans, the very people it's supposed to help. The same happened here where retirees and regular employees have opted out of their health insurance because it has gone up by 40 percent!

George F. Will, a columnist with *The Washington Post* and a Pulitzer Prize winner in 1977 for commentary, wrote how the U.S. Supreme Court has reined in government bullies on contraceptives. Asked he: "Why did Congress, having enacted Religious Freedom Restoration Act, write this clearly incompatible birth control mandate? Congress didn't.

"In the ACA, Congress simply required health plans to provide 'preventive care' for women. An Executive Branch agency decided this meant the full menu of 20 technologies. So, during oral argument in March, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy asked: 'What kind of constitutional structure do we have if Congress can give an agency the power to grant or not grant a religious exemption based on what the agency determined?'

"The answer is: The constitutional structure we have is the kind progressives prefer, wherein more and more decisions are made by unelected and unaccountable executive-branch 'experts' exercising vast discretion.

"Today's court—nine fine minds producing written explanations of their reasoning about important principles—has its own discord. It is, nevertheless, a lagoon of logic in the forest primeval of today's overheated politics and overbearing government. Twice this week the court played its indispensable role as constable, policing portions of this forest where progressivism has produced government guilty of gratuitous bullying."

Sorry, Kilili, you've failed us on this score. We elected you as the CNMI's representative, not federal loonies whom we've never met nor elected who draft rules and regulations by the tons annually! Have you any sensible answer, sir? Don't attempt articulating an issue you don't understand for you'd certainly sound like what a young scholar once said listening to your garbled speech—"an abecedarian."

Scouting for competency

Billboards have bloomed all over the island of fully suited new candidates challenging seats currently occupied by exhausted and irrelevant incumbents.

I'm tickled by the academic and professional competence under their belts or whose views I've read in the papers demonstrating common sense and vision that are a scarcity among incumbent legislators. Call it a pleasant surprise! Yes, indeed, I'm pleasantly pleased what the new group would bring to the table.

We can begin by throwing the bums out so we start anew with a slate of poised folks equipped with superior academic and professional competence. The tired bunch has been panting for air in the lagoon of illogic and disconnection. There's a tidal shift (low tide) slowly draining out the various channels here. The old exhausted guards are inching their way through the crowd ready to board their canoes into the sunset. One fond *adios* and, if this isn't enough, how about, *"No mas!"*

Days of yore

As an altar boy more than 55 years ago, I'd look at the faces of the old folks who frequent the early morning Mass daily. I literally memorized their faces and specific seat among pews.

Occasionally, I'd quiz myself if going to church were the only thing that the old folks do? Nah! But this is the spiritual group that makes it every break of dawn.

The wrinkled humble faces, the dispensation of well-intended blessings to the young, reduced agility as they age or going to church daily and their eventual departure seems a pattern I've seen over the years.

In fact, I used to ask if that was the next best thing people do when we reach their golden years. Tried to deny it but here we are navigating our canoes on the same waters since days of yore. Well, live each day to the fullest and spend time with loved ones.

Your grandchildren are your chosen roses, growing and glowing brightly in the beautiful garden of your heart. They too will remember your old face and fragility "When I'm 64!"

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The words of wisdom conveyed with the virtue of patience by our elderly reminds us that they've been up that alley and know what the playground looks like. Often it pays to listen for in those words of wisdom we could draw lasting lessons. If you've plundered friends, does it bother your conscience that your new forte has turned you queen or king of deception? Is this something you'd like to leave behind as your snail-like trail of accomplishment?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What's wrong with our schools

I talk to kids and young adults every day and can say without a doubt that the majority of parents have no idea it's 2104 already. No, I'm not including all parents. Some do take an interest in their kids' education, take them to the library, get them tablets, and given them advice. But the ones that don't take an interest, if they have a touch screen tablet for their kids, it's loaded with games and movies and the kids only get to use it rarely. You might as well be living in a grass house and wearing a poske' again. Actually that doesn't sound too bad.

No, no, we're in 2014 and your children are probably smarter than you are and need more than they are getting at PSS, and the private schools, to compete in this world. Every single child and young adult needs a tablet of their own. All ages should be grouped, four to seven to a group. For the smaller kids up to age 9, it needs to be loaded with a hundred or more educational apps of varying difficulty for up to age 15 and mostly in the 3R's. For 10 year olds and above, they need Internet access. By high school, kids should be given the freedom to design, implement, and complete real life, real problems and real solutions in their real communities, with student-designed and student-based community projects. By bouncing ideas off each other, they will learn more, faster, retain more, and surprise you with the maturity they display in coming to their conclusions. They need to record every project and upload it to YouTube for others to benefit from their experiences.

Teachers, stop stonewalling these kids, you are there to help them learn, not lecture them. Parents, teachers, administrators and students, everyone with a stake in education in 2014, watch this video and demand changes before school starts in September: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBJMdV1jGGY. It's time for the CNMI to enter the 21st century. This is not just for PSS, it's for every school in the CNMI.

Students, you have rights and you aren't getting what you need out of us adults. Just YouTube your grade and see what classrooms all over the world are doing and ask your teachers to integrate some of the ideas you find in them into your classroom. Demand more, demand change, now!

Is it time to rethink NMC's mission?

With a graduation rate of about 16 percent, does the Northern Marianas College justify the almost $4 million it spends? Good question. Quick division and that's over $22,000 per graduating student. Maybe it's time to think online education and technical training. NMC could very easily be converted to teaching technical courses to 9th grade and above utilizing online courses where feasible, and acting as a monitor to academic online students. Good, online schools cost under $300 per credit, and very little monitoring is needed. Its 2014 and time NMC joined the rest of the world in innovation in education.

Gary DuBrall
Chalan Piao, Saipan

Pope: Social ills the result of politics

I know there are haters out there who will say anything to try and kill anything I say, even if it is right. Well I beg for the indulgence of our civil citizens and dare the retiree gang to try and counter what the pope has said about the entire worlds' politics, CNMI included. The pope's assertion that many of our social and even our economic ills are the result of politics comes at a prophetic time in CNMI history. To quote the pope in Sunday's *North Star*: "Many of today's social ills (and even our economic ills) are driven by a lack of adequate social policies (or laws), not just selfishness and moral degradation." The CNMI is suffering from all three factors as seen in our inability to create law(s) that will make all men equal in the CNMI, the promotion of selfishness in Article 12, and making laws for only retirees to get their vote, and there is the moral and ethical degradation of our democracy and laws as we just saw with the Legislature and the governor trashing the people's referendum with a dirty and even tyrannical political play. I just pray the true Christians who are the majority and not retirees will get rid of you know who in November. It's our best hope for social, economic, and political harmony to find real prosperity.

The pope also stated that "the biggest problem with politics around the world today is that it is undervalued (no respect and not working for all the people), ruined by corruption (a Fitial and now an Inos administration full of criminals and circumventing the referendum law to kill the voice of the people) and the phenomenon of bribery," which is what most of us believe based on the facts is what happened when the governor and his crew went to Hong Kong.

Clyde Norita, Inos' organizer, seems to think it is OK for retirees to act like angry bears and even boast about it. But retirees are humans and expected to be some of the most respectful and most revered citizens so I wonder if Clyde will tell the pope their angry, selfish, and racist behavior is OK. He actually tried to justify retirees acting like thugs and disrespecting fellow retirees and the thousands of citizens who signed the referendum. There are only 3,800 retirees and all of them do not agree with the casino band-aid solution. If we are truly living in a democracy the 4,000 signatures represent the majority on this issue. Retirees didn't even have the numbers as only 50 or 60 showed up!

Now that our governor and his crew have forced the casino in our mouth, they want us to swallow it by claiming they have solutions. They couldn't wait to run their solutions commercial on TV after passing the law but what a joke when they can't even get their law, the regulations and guardians over the casino right and they have had 10 years to prepare! I'm not stupid enough to go for this mess and I'm sure there are at least 4,000-plus on my side. See you in November!

As for my critics who will complain about me invoking the pope and what is right, try turning the pope into a lie. You can never make this casino issue the right thing without the full support of the majority. If we can pray for our politicians and our government on Sunday we can certainly talk about their evils in the news on Monday! Casino supporters should never feel comfortable in Mass, knowing the church is against the casino—who obviously have more faith in Inos and a casino than God. Pray for them.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲87° ▼79°	▲87° ▼79°

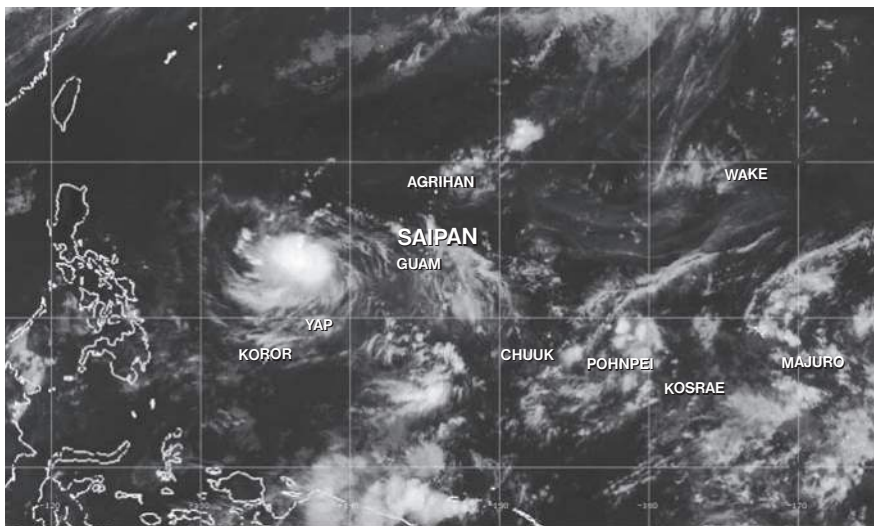
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲57	▼48
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲95	▼72
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼60
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲88	▼69
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼76
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲55	▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86	▼77
New York	Thundershowers	▲87	▼73
Osaka	Rain	▲86	▼74
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲72	▼57
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼70
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲79	▼65
Salem	Sunny	▲98	▼62
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼56
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼69
Tokyo	Showers	▲83	▼75
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲94	▼75

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Rammasun (09W) is centered 470 miles west of Guam near 14N138E moving west at 23 mph with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are between 11N and 15N from 132E to 139E. For more information on TS Rammasun, see bulletins issued by Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM. A monsoon trough stretches from Tropical Storm Rammasun at 14N138E southeastward through a weak circulation northeast of Chuuk at 9N159E then through another weak circulation just northeast of Kwajalein at 8N169E then eastward across the date line at 7N180. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Yap are between 10N and the equator from 142E to 148E. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are affecting much of eastern Micronesia from east of Chuuk across Pohnpei, Kosrae and the Marshall Islands mainly between 10N and the equator from 153E to 180. A weak surface troughing pattern is seen across the Mariana Islands. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are within 50 miles of a line from 22N152E to 19N146E and widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are within 75 miles of a line from 16n143e to 14N147E to 10N148E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:57 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
9:02 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
4:15 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.6 Feet
11:01 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:24 PM	7:26 AM
Tuesday	9:14 PM	8:29 AM
Wednesday	10:03 PM	9:29 AM
Thursday	10:49 PM	10:27 AM
Friday	11:34 PM	11:24 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	9:50pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
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UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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Miss Teen Marianas 2014

PHOTOS BY HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

The 16 contestants for the 2014 Miss Marianas Teen are joined on stage by members of Stellar Marianas led by president Laila Boyer. Stellar Marianas is the CNMI's nonprofit pageant and talent group that is the driving force behind Little Miss Marianas, Miss Marianas Teen, and Miss Marianas Universe pageants.

Newly-crowned 2014 Miss Marianas Teen Gianna Chantal Sizemore Camacho and 2014 Miss Marianas Teen First Runner-Up Tiana Tudela Reyeas are flanked by 14 other pageant contestants.

Gianna Chantal Sizemore Camacho almost in tears while being crowned the 2014 Miss Marianas Teen by Miss Idaho USA Yvette Bennett.

Newly-crowned 2014 Miss Marianas Teen Gianna Chantal Sizemore Camacho, left, and 2014 Miss Marianas Teen First Runner-Up Tiana Tudela Reyes, right.

Newly-crowned 2014 Miss Marianas Teen Gianna Chantal Sizemore Camacho,a third right, is joined on stage by her family, including her mother and 1982 Miss Marianas Universe Sheryl Sizemore, third from left, at the World Resort Saipan on Saturday night.

Tiana Tudela Reyes in good spirits after bagging five awards before she was crowned 20a14 Miss Marianas Teen First Runner-Up.

Savannah Lyn Delos Santos, right, answers a pageant question from mistress of ceremonies Nola Hix, left. Delos Santos was bestowed the 2014 Miss Stellar Star Award and the 2014 Miss Marianas Friendship Award.

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Workers struggle in Hamptons, summer playground for the rich

AP

In this photo taken on Friday, July 11, 2014, beach umbrellas stand unattended outside a private residence in Southampton, N.Y.

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. (AP)—This is a town where people are so rich that a $2 million home can be a handyman's special. A town where the thrift shop is stocked with donations of designer dresses and handbags.

But Southampton, with its privet hedges, pristine beaches and some estates costing tens of millions, also is where 40 percent of children get free or reduced school lunches, where a food pantry serves up to 400 clients a month and where some doctors and nurses share homes owned by the local hospital because they can't afford to buy or rent.

Studies show the wealth gap separating the rich from everyone else is widening, and few places in the country illustrate that as starkly as Long Island's Hamptons—America's summer playground for the haves and have-mores, where even middle-class workers struggle with the high cost of living.

"We have a tremendous amount of millionaires who live 3 miles from the food pantry, and they really have no idea that there's a need in this community," said Mary Ann Tupper, who retired last month after 21 years as the executive director of Human Resources of the Hamptons, a charity that assists 6,000 people annually through its food pantry and other services for the working poor.

"In the summer they're working and everything is pretty good, but come the winter, all the nannies, the gardeners, the pool people, all those people are out of work, and then there's no money," Tupper said. "The income disparity is tremendous."

Kerry Lewendoski, who succeeded Tupper, adds: "The people aren't just coming here to work in the summer. They live here; they have established homes and kids enrolled in the schools. Southampton is their home, and they still have trouble getting by."

Located on southeastern Long Island 80 miles from New York City, Southampton is one of several towns and villages stretching east along 40 miles of the Atlantic Ocean that collectively are known as the Hamptons. Census figures showed a 2010 population of 57,000 and a median income of $78,815.

But statistics in the Hamptons are an elusive notion, since many of the summertime denizens with their multimillion-dollar incomes identify themselves as residents of New York City or elsewhere. In the first quarter of 2014, the average selling price for a home in Southampton town was $1,845,431, though some oceanfront estates go for over $100 million.

Celebrities spotted hanging out in the Hamptons include Christie Brinkley, Rachael Ray, Kelly Ripa and Howard Stern, among other members of high society in New York and elsewhere.

Many of those who work in the Hamptons—painters, landscapers teachers, even journalists—live west of the region in suburban Long Island and commute as many as three hours round-trip daily. From early spring to late autumn, the one primary road in and out of the Hamptons is jammed most mornings with pickup trucks and vans filled with tradespeople headed east.

"There's tons of work out here because this is where the money is," David Hahn said while trimming 16-foot hedges on a 10-acre Southampton estate where he has worked for two decades. His 30-mile commute sometimes takes up to three hours round-trip.

Kimberly Piazza is a secretary in her husband's sod business and lives in the North Sea community in Southampton town, several miles north of the oceanfront estates. Coming out of the local general store, she said local milk prices are as high as $5.99 a gallon and eggs sell for up to $4 a dozen—nearly double what those staples cost elsewhere on Long Island. Gasoline prices are 50 cents to a dollar more a gallon at most stations in the Hamptons.

"The image is that we're all pretty much rich, hoity-toity, well-to-do people," she said. "And while you do have some of those people, a majority of us are still working class."

At Southampton Hospital—the region's primary medical facility that has 25,000 emergency room visits annually—administrators wrestled for years with staffing shortages because qualified applicants could not afford the cost of living.

The hospital has since purchased three houses nearby and allows 17 nurses to live there as part of their compensation package, said spokeswoman Marsha Kenny. A similar program exists for resident doctors, with a goal to keep some working full-time at the hospital when they complete their training.

Last month, over the objection of neighbors, the town board unanimously approved a plan to build a 28-unit apartment complex, in part to provide affordable housing for people who work in the area.

"We have teachers and critical care workers that are commuting an hour and a half each way to work," said town supervisor Anna Throne-Holst. "What makes anyone think they're going to make that commute? And if they do, are we really getting the best of the best?"

Nation

House chairman says $3.7B border request is 'too much'

AP

Marchers held signs as they made their way to Department of Homeland Security offices, protesting immigration policies Thursday, July 10, 2014, in El Paso, Texas.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A key Republican said Friday that President Barack Obama's multibillion-dollar emergency request for the border is too big to get through the House, as a growing number of Democrats rejected policy changes Republicans are demanding as their price for approving any money.

The developments indicated that Obama faces an uphill climb as he pushes Congress to approve $3.7 billion to deal with tens of thousands of unaccompanied kids who've been arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border from poor and increasingly violent Central American nations. And they suggested that even as the children keep coming, any final resolution is likely weeks away on Capitol Hill.

As House members gathered Friday morning to finish up legislative business for the week, Rep. Hal Rogers of Kentucky, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, which controls spending, told reporters: "It's too much money. We don't need it."

Rogers previously had sounded open to the spending request for more immigration judges, detention facilities, State Department programs and other items. He said his committee would look at the parts of Obama's request that would go for immediate needs, but that others could be handled through Congress' regular spending bills—though no final action is likely on those until after the November midterm elections.

And asked whether the House would approve the spending package as-is, Rogers said "no."

White House press secretary Josh Earnest responded by saying that "we're open to working with Democrats and Republicans in Congress to get this done."

"The president has moved quickly to be very clear about what specifically needs to be funded," Earnest said. "And we would like to see Republicans back up their rhetoric with the kind of urgent action that this situation merits."

Rogers spoke shortly after the Congressional Hispanic Caucus convened a news conference to denounce efforts to attach legal changes to the spending measure that would result in returning the children home more quickly to El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. Those countries account for most of the more than 57,000 unaccompanied kids who've arrived since October.

ACROSS THE NATION

Girl whose 6 family members were killed recovering

HOUSTON (AP)—A 15-year-old girl suburban Houston girl who survived an attack in which her parents and four younger siblings were killed says she's on the road to recovery. Cassidy Stay thanked first responders Saturday while speaking to a crowd at an elementary school in her hometown of Spring, the Houston Chronicle reported. It was her first public appearance since the shootings. Stay was released from a hospital Friday, two days after the attack in which her skull was fractured by a bullet graze.

California triple homicide seen as tenant dispute

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—A man is accused of shooting and killing three people Saturday in what authorities are investigating as a possible tenant-landlord dispute, police said. John Izeal Smith, 35, opened fire on police officers with a rifle before barricading himself inside a home in the Los Angeles suburb of Pasadena, said police Lt. Ed Calatayud. Smith called police, and a dispatcher persuaded him to leave the home unarmed and surrender to authorities. Smith is suspected of killing a woman inside a home late in the afternoon, then killing two others outside, said Calatayud. Two others suffered minor to moderate injuries.

Dead body falls out of coroner van, lands in road

LOWER SOUTHHAMPTON, Pa. (AP)—A dead body on a gurney fell out of a coroner's van when a door malfunctioned, sending the corpse into the middle of a busy roadway in Pennsylvania. The Bucks County Courier Times reports the accident happened around noon on Friday near a shopping center in Feasterville, Pennsylvania. A photo on the newspaper's website shows the corpse, wrapped in what appears to be a white sheet, lying in the street as cars buzz by. The Bucks County Coroner's Office says the driver realized immediately that the door had opened and retrieved the body within minutes. The office says it "deeply regrets" the incident. A passer-by who helped get the body into the van says he thought it was a prank, calling it "the most bizarre thing" he'd ever seen.

Man convicted of deadly attack on sleeping kids

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP)—A New Jersey man has been convicted of killing a 6-year-old boy who was trying to protect his sister from a sexual assault. Osvaldo Rivera, of Camden, was found guilty Friday of felony murder and numerous other charges by a jury that reached its verdict after deliberating for less than three hours. He faces life in prison when he's sentenced Oct. 23. Authorities said Rivera, 33, broke into the children's home in September 2012 while they were asleep and their mother was in the hospital recovering from a surgical procedure. Rivera was trying to assault a 12-year-old girl when her little brother intervened to protect her, investigators said. Rivera slashed the children's throats, authorities said. The girl ran to a neighbor's house for help.

Asia

US proposes construction freeze in resource-rich South China Sea

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. State Department proposed Friday that Asian nations not build new outposts or expand existing ones in the South China Sea to help lower the risk of a conflict as tensions mount in its resource-rich waters.

Meanwhile the Senate passed a resolution urging all nations to refrain from "destabilizing activities" and expressing U.S. commitment to freedom of navigation in the Asia-Pacific.

Speaking at a Washington think tank, senior State Department official Michael Fuchs voiced great concern over the "increasingly tenuous situation" as an assertive China and five of its smaller neighbors vie for control of tiny islands and reefs in waters with plentiful fisheries and potential hydrocarbon reserves.

Fuchs said no claimant was solely responsible for the tensions, but criticized a pattern of "provocative" behavior by China.

He detailed a proposal for a voluntary freeze on activities which escalate tensions, to flesh out a 2002 declaration by China and the Southeast Asian bloc that calls for self-restraint in the South China Sea. The U.S. is expected to push the proposal at a gathering of Asian foreign ministers in Myanmar next month.

Fuchs said the claimants themselves would need to agree on the terms, but suggested stopping establishment of new outposts and any construction and land reclamation that would fundamentally change existing outposts. He also proposed that one claimant should not stop another from continuing long-standing economic activities in disputed areas.

Simmering tensions in the South China Sea have spiked since early May, when China deployed a large oil rig close to the disputed Paracel islands, triggering a continuing standoff with Vietnam. In mid-June, the Philippines said it would call for a region-wide moratorium on construction after China began building a school on the largest island in the Paracels to serve the children of military personnel, two years after it established a city there to administer the vast area it claims.

China rejected the suggestion. It says its maritime and territorial claims have an historical basis, and it is reluctant to embrace regional solutions for what it views as bilateral disputes. Other claimants are Brunei, Malaysia and Taiwan.

North Korea launches missiles in latest test-fire

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea launched two ballistic missiles into the sea on Sunday, South Korea said, the latest in a series of test-firings seen as expressions of anger over the North's failure to win talks on receiving outside aid, and over U.S.-South Korean military drills.

The missiles, believed to be of Scud variations, were fired from the North Korean city of Kaesong near the border with the South and had a range of about 500 kilometers (311 miles), said a South Korean military official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of department rules.

North Korea experts said it was highly unusual for Pyongyang to fire missiles from a city just 20 kilometers (12 miles) from the heavily fortified border separating the two Koreas. The North usually test-fires missiles launched from its eastern port city of Wonsan, about 130 kilometers (80 miles) from the border.

"It is remarkable that missiles were fired from Kaesong, a symbol of North-South cooperation," said Yang Moo-jin, a professor at the University of North Korean Studies in Seoul. "Such action can mount tensions as it suggests that these missiles ... can target the entire Korean Peninsula. "

North Korea regularly conducts test-firings, but this year has seen an unusually large number of launches. South Korean officials have confirmed about 90 test-firings of missiles, artillery and rockets by the North since Feb. 21. More than 10 of them have been ballistic launches.

North Korea recently has pushed South Korea to accept a set of proposals that it said would reduce bilateral tensions, including the cancellation of regular military drills between Seoul and Washington that Pyongyang insists are preparation for a northward invasion.

Pyongyang's National Defense Commission released a statement Saturday strongly criticizing the U.S.-South Korean joint naval drills that are reportedly to take place in Korean waters beginning Wednesday.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Afghan rivals clinch deal, easing political crisis

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Afghanistan's two rival candidates reached a breakthrough agreement Saturday to a complete audit of their contested presidential election and, whoever the victor, a national unity government. The deal, brokered by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, offers a path out of what threatened to be a debilitating political crisis for Afghanistan, with both candidates claiming victory. Former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai and former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah agreed to abide by a 100 percent, internationally supervised audit of all 8 million ballots in the presidential election. They vowed to form a national unity government once the results are announced, presumably one that includes members of each side.

Crude bomb blast wounds 6 in India; 4 men abducted

GAUHATI, India (AP)—A crude bomb exploded Saturday in India's troubled northeast, wounding at least six passersby, and authorities searched for four Muslim traders believed to be abducted by a rebel group in the region. The improvised device went off near the Manipur University complex in Imphal, the capital of Manipur state. A police officer said that five of the wounded were being treated in a hospital. Two of them were in critical condition. The officer spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to talk to reporters. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack. More than a dozen separatist groups are active in Manipur state and often stage hit-and-run attacks.

Malaysian cop killed, another kidnapped in Sabah

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Armed gunmen fatally shot a Malaysian policeman and kidnapped another during a shootout at a resort on Borneo island, a security official said Sunday. It was the latest in a spate of kidnappings in Sabah, highlighting persistent security threats in the state. Sabah is a short boat ride from the southern Philippines, home to Muslim militants and kidnap gangs. Eight gunmen wearing army fatigues barged into the Mabul Water Bungalow Resort late Saturday and ambushed marine police officers on guard there, said Abdul Rashid Haron, who heads the Eastern Sabah Security Command. A marine policeman was killed in the shootout and the gunmen, who had their faces covered, fled on a boat with another officer, Abdul Rashid said, adding that the boat was seen heading toward the southern Philippines.

World

Israel troops briefly raid Gaza as offensive rages

AP

Palestinians wash blood from a sidewalk where seven Palestinians where killed in an Israeli air strike in Gaza City, Saturday, July 12, 2014.

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Ignoring international appeals for a cease-fire, Israel widened its range of Gaza bombing targets to civilian institutions with suspected Hamas ties and deployed ground troops inside Gaza for the first time early Sunday to raid a rocket launching site in the Palestinian territory. More than 156 Palestinians have been killed.

Four Israeli soldiers were hurt in clashes during the brief incursion to destroy a rocket launching site in northern Gaza, the military said. It said the troops later returned to Israeli territory.

It was the first time that Israeli ground troops are known to have entered Gaza in the current offensive. But the operation was carried out by special forces and did not appear to be the beginning of a broad ground offensive.

Israeli airstrikes pounded targets in Gaza, with one hitting a center for the disabled and killing two patients and wounding four people, Palestinians. In a second attack Saturday night, an Israeli warplane flattened the home of Gaza police chief Taysir al-Batsh and damaged a nearby mosque as evening prayers ended, killing at least 18 people and wounding 50, officials said.

In New York, the United Nations Security Council called unanimously for a cease-fire, but so far, neither Israel nor Gaza's Hamas rulers have signaled willingness to stop.

Israel has carried out more than 1,200 air strikes over the six-day offensive to try to diminish Hamas' ability to fire rockets at Israel. Hamas, the Islamic militant group that controls Gaza, has fired nearly 700 rockets and mortars at Israel this week.

Israel's chief military spokesman, Brig. Gen. Motti Almoz, said Saturday there would be more strikes, especially in northern Gaza near the Israeli border. Late Saturday, the military said it was ordering Palestinians in northern Gaza to evacuate "for their own safety."

Gaza's Interior Ministry urged residents in the area to ignore Israel's warnings and to stay in their homes, saying the announcement was Israeli "psychological warfare" and an attempt to create confusion.

Migrant boy buried in Guatemala hometown

SAN JOSE LAS FLORES, Guatemala (AP)—A 15-year-old Guatemalan boy whose death became a symbol of the perils facing children attempting to illegally cross into the United States was buried in his hometown Saturday, amid prayers and tears from his family.

Neighbors in this mountain village filled the small home where Gilberto Francisco Ramos Juarez grew up, turning the room where he slept on the floor into a space to mourn over his gray and silver coffin.

A white bow hung on the front door in a sign of mourning. Inside the humble concrete home, women cried and prayed while men waited to carry Gilberto's body to the hilltop cemetery overlooking the village. Amid highland flowers and candles sat a photograph of the boy.

"Ay, my son, now I won't see you again," his mother, Cipriana Juarez, shouted between tears.

The boy's decomposed body was discovered on June 15 in the Rio Grande Valley, not far inside Texas from the border with Mexico. Around his neck was a rosary he had received as a gift for his first communion as a Roman Catholic. Scribbled inside his belt buckle was the phone number of an older brother in Chicago he had hoped to reach.

He apparently got lost on his way north and likely died from exposure in hot, dry brush country of South Texas. An autopsy did not find signs of trauma. His body was less than a mile from a nearby home.

Gilberto's death highlighted the hardships that afflict young migrants. The U.S. government is searching for ways to deal with record numbers of unaccompanied children who are sneaking into the country, fleeing poverty and violence in Central America.

The family said Gilberto had hoped to find work to pay for medicine his mother needs. Workers in the mountains of northern Guatemala earn about $3.50 a day, said his uncle, Catarino Ramos.

"He left because of poverty, because he wanted to help buy his mother's medicine," Catarino Ramos said.

Now, the family will have to find a way to repay the $2,500 loan they took out, mortgaging their home, to pay for Gilberto's journey.

"Here, only sadness will remain," said the boy's father, Francisco Ramos.

Focus

Hoping to project power, China finds itself alone

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BEIJING (AP)—Nearly three decades after Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping famously instructed his diplomats to "be good at maintaining a low profile and never claim leadership," a new generation of rulers has made it clear that they're ready to shed the humility and show off their country's rising military and political power.

From Southeast Asian waters that may hold billions of barrels of oil to uninhabited islands in the East China Sea, China has stepped into territorial disputes with neighbors including Japan, South Korea and the Philippines—and in some cases, some would say, provoked them. At the same time, Beijing has pledged to build what it says will be a new security framework for Asia, replacing U.S.-dominated alliances that have defined the post-World War II period.

"We should work for a new architecture of Asia-Pacific security cooperation that is open, transparent and equality-based," Chinese President Xi Jinping told dignitaries from India and Myanmar last month. "The notion of dominating international affairs belongs to a different age and such an attempt is doomed to failure."

Yet despite Xi's depiction of China as a "peaceful, amiable and civilized lion," the country's moves have so far set off alarms across the region and pushed other Asian countries to seek backup from Washington. Promises to build a self-governing Asian community of nations have amounted to little more than words, while the reality has been what many see as Chinese bullying.

Xi, who has shown similar boldness at home since rising to power last year, is at the heart of the new strategy. For the first time in decades, Chinese officials are emphasizing an "active" foreign policy that sets the regional agenda while touting China's maritime strength.

"This is a very strong theme with him," said Christopher Johnson, a former China analyst with the CIA who's now chairman of China studies at the U.S. think tank the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "It's bound up in his view of himself as not only the savior of the party but kind of an instrument of history, with the goal being this great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation."

That means showing "strong willingness to counter U.S. influence in the region," said Alice Ekman, head of China research at the French Institute of International Relations. Chinese officials have been especially critical of the Obama administration's touted "pivot to Asia," with diplomats openly mocking America's ability to police the region.

"We are seeing at several levels—economic, institutional, political, security—a reinforced competition between China and the U.S. in the region since Xi's arrival." Ekman said at a recent lecture in Beijing on China's foreign policy.

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In this July 7, 2014 photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, Chinese President Xi Jinping, center, who is also the general-secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, unveils a sculpture commemorating the start of a war with Japan with old soldiers and children during a ceremony to mark the 77th anniversary of the war, in Beijing, China.

She said China's growing dominance of the global economy, and its neighbors' dependence on Chinese trade, is central to the strategy. "China's moves in the region are based on the following hypothesis: Time moves in favor of China as long as the economic attractiveness of China will reinforce the balance of power in favor of China," she said.

Xi's immediate goal is to give his country's forces tactical military superiority within what is known as the first island chain off the country's shores, from Japan down to Indonesia, Johnson said.

In May, Chinese officials sent an oil rig into parts of the South China Sea claimed by both China and Vietnam, setting off repeated confrontations between the two countries' ships and sparking anti-Chinese riots in Vietnam. In the nearby Spratly archipelago, the Chinese have been adding sand to reefs and rocks so they can build military installations despite claims to the outcroppings by both Vietnam and the Philippines.

Farther north, China provoked rebuke from Japan, South Korea and the U.S. in November after declaring an air defense identification zone, which requires foreign planes to identify themselves to Chinese forces across much of the East China Sea. China and Japan are disputing control of a scattering of rocky islands there, and Japan protested after Chinese fighter jets flew close to Japanese surveillance planes observing a joint China-Russia naval drill in May.

China is also locked in longstanding territorial disputes with India along its southern border and has committed itself to defending with military force if necessary what it calls its core interests—chief among them, reuniting with the self-governing island of Taiwan, which Beijing claims, and holding on to Tibet.

China has appeared to be more active in defending territorial claims than it has been in pursuing a new alliance of Asian countries. At a China-hosted summit in May of some four dozen countries and international groups, Xi touted what he said would be a new Asian security network that would exclude the U.S., but he left the meeting with few solid steps to actually building such a framework.

Australian Cabinet minister Malcolm Turnbull said China has found itself largely alone, at least diplomatically, as it shows its teeth to the region.

"It has really no allies in the region, apart from North Korea," Turnbull was quoted as saying at a recent security and economic leadership conference. "And the consequence has been how China's neighbors are drawing closer to the United States than ever before."

With tensions high over China, U.S. President Barack Obama paid high-profile visits to Japan, South Korea, Malaysia and the Philippines in April, where he reassured governments that the U.S. would honor agreements to defend them.

Japanese leaders took matters into their own hands last week when they reinterpreted their pacifist constitution to let them expand the use of the country's military to defend its allies. The move strengthens Japan's alliance with the U.S. but also opens the door to new alliances with like-minded Asian countries.

"In the South China Sea, I think Chinese leaders have one purpose: They want to do as much damage as possible to U.S. credibility," said Huang Jing, a China expert at Singapore National University's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. "China understands that if China appears soft, there'll be no end of it, so China will appear tough and will not make compromises ... and (China believes) the U.S. will not come to help when push comes to shove."

In capitals across Asia, he said, China is forcing governments to make a difficult choice: Will they bet on a future dominated by a newly confident China or one based on longtime U.S. assurances?

A look at China's territorial disputes:

TAIWAN: Taiwan itself is claimed by Beijing as a part of Chinese territory, and Beijing has vowed to bring it under control, by force if necessary. This claim has been the principal driver of the modernization of China's People's Liberation Army since the end of the Cold War. Taiwan was incorporated into the Qing Dynasty in the 17th century, then was turned into a province in 1885. It was ceded to Japan in perpetuity in 1895 then handed over to the Republic of China in 1945. In all, it's been governed from the mainland for just five of the last 119 years. Since 2008, Beijing has set aside its threats against Taiwan as part of building economic ties with the island in hopes of eventual reunification, though it has not given up its sovereignty claim.

JAPAN: Beijing's dispute with Tokyo is by far its most bitter, centering on a chain of islands the Chinese call Diaoyu and Japanese call Senkaku. The uninhabited islands are 410 kilometers (250 miles) west of Okinawa and 186 kilometers (116 miles) northeast of Taiwan's main island. The largest, Diaoyu Dao, or Uotsuri-shima, covers only 4.32 square kilometers (1.6 square miles) while the others are mere specks. China claims they were stolen by Japan in 1895 and should have been returned at the end of World War II. Taiwan, which calls them Diaoyutai, also claims the islands but has worked out an arrangement with Japan guaranteeing its fishermen access to the area, and it rejects any notion of joining with Beijing on the matter. China and Japan are also at odds over exploitation of East China Sea gas deposits, while Tokyo was the primary target of China's air defense identification zone (ADIZ) announced last year.

SOUTH CHINA SEA: The South China Sea, also believed to contain significant petroleum reserves, is the most complex of China's border disputes. China claims virtually the entire 425,000 square kilometers (164,000 square miles) of sea and its 750-plus islands, rocks and everything else above water, although it remains vague and inconsistent about what legal definitions apply. At times, it refers to them as territorial waters, at other times not. It is also vague about the exact limits of its famous "nine-dashed line" with which it demarcates its claim. Taiwan, whose Nationalist government invented the dashes in 1947, makes an identical claim but isn't an active participant in the current disputes.

Vietnam, Malaysia, the Philippines and Brunei also claim parts of the South China Sea.

The main island groups are the Paracels (controlled by China, which calls them Xisha), the Pratas (Dongsha, controlled by Taiwan) and the Spratlys (called Nansha by China). All six governments sparring over the South China Sea have claims in the Spratlys.

Disputes between China and Vietnam focus on the Paracel islands, two of which Vietnam had occupied until being violently expelled by Chinese forces in 1974. China said the action was in self-defense. China and Vietnam also clashed in the Spratlys in 1988, leaving China in control of a half-dozen reefs and outcroppings.

The Philippines and China have competing claims over Second Thomas Shoal, Scarborough Shoal, Mischief Reef and related islands in the Spratlys. Unlike Vietnam, which has a capable, submarine-equipped navy, the Philippines has little more than surplus World War II-era U.S. ships and not a single fighter jet.

Indonesia and China have no formal dispute, though in 2010, Indonesia's navy came close to a shooting encounter with Chinese vessels that had entered waters off Jakarta's Natuna island gas field near the sea. Indonesian officials said the incident was an intrusion by fishermen and not part of a territorial dispute.

Aside from ongoing territorial standoffs with Vietnam and the Philippines in two disputed areas, China has been adding sand to reefs and rocks in the Spratlys, apparently so it can build military installations on the contested islands. There is speculation that China may also announce an air defense identification zone over the South China Sea as part of its efforts to keep U.S. surveillance planes away from its southern coast.

INDIA: China has an active territorial dispute with India along their 6,400-kilometer (4,000-mile) border high in the Himalayas. Most prominently, China claims the Indian province of Arunachal Pradesh (83,743 square kilometers, 32,333 square miles) in the east, while India says China is illegally occupying Aksai Chin (37,244 square kilometers, 14,380 square miles) bordering Jammu and Kashmir in the east. No shots have been fired across the border since a brief but bloody frontier war in 1962. They agreed to a line of actual control in 1996 and began talks on settling the dispute.

RUSSIA/CENTRAL ASIA: At the end of the Cold War, China still had significant border disputes with Russia and former Soviet Central Asia. All have been settled amicably, although some Chinese have pointed out that Russia currently controls territory once under Chinese rule, including the island of Sakhalin.

MINOR DISPUTES: China has a minor border dispute with Bhutan and the sides have no diplomatic ties. It also has an obscure dispute with South Korea over a submerged rock that both claim. South Korea controls the feature, known variously as Socotra Rock, Leodo and Suyanjiao, and has built an ocean research station and helipad over it.

Health & Fitness

Aronia berry gaining market foothold in US

MISSOURI VALLEY, Iowa (AP)—A new fruit that research says packs more antioxidants than popular "superfoods" like blueberries, acai berries and goji berries is establishing itself in the aisles of mainstream grocery stores, showing up in everything from juices to powdered supplements to baby food.

Its rise from being a novelty item at farmers markets into a multimillion-dollar U.S. industry even includes a name change, from the common chokeberry—so named centuries ago by European settlers who found the tart, astringent berry more pretty than palatable—to the aronia berry, derived from its genus, Aronia melanocarpa.

The native North American berry was introduced in Russia and eastern Europe in the early 20th century and has been cultivated there for juices and wines. Now, farmers throughout the upper Midwest are planting the shrubs by the thousands every year. But the industry's roots in the U.S. can be traced to Sawmill Hollow Family Farm in the Loess Hills of western Iowa, where most in the industry believe the first bushes were planted for commercial cultivation in the U.S.

Andrew Pittz, 28, is the driving force behind the aronia berry's emergence. His family was looking for a crop they could cultivate on the hilly, silt-heavy soil near the Missouri River, and in 1997, Pittz's parents planted some 200 bushes. The bush grows well in the Midwest, has few pests and doesn't have to be replanted every year.

The Pittz family was successful: Sawmill Hollow products now are sold in about half of Hy-Vee's 237 stores, and in all of Whole Foods' 45 Midwest-region stores, according to spokeswomen for the chains. Rather than keep the berry and its economic potential under wraps, Pittz and his family have been spreading word far and wide—especially throughout Iowa.

The farm holds an annual field day that draws thousands in September, and Pittz planted bushes in all 99 Iowa counties last year. Even Iowa State University is helping promote the berry as a value-added crop and a good way to diversify farm income, offering grants to help people get started.

"We want the aronia berry to be to Iowa's Heartland what the peach is to Georgia." Pittz said.

His family also has taught others how to plant, grow and market the almost black-purple, pea-sized berries. They even share best practices for pruning the bushes for maximum yield, which they developed over nearly 18 years of trial and error. A mature bush at four to five years can produce up to 20 pounds.

Consumers are taking notice of the potential health benefits, said Stacey Loftus, Hy-Vee's health and wellness supervisor. Research published last year in the Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry says aronia's oxygen radical absorbance capacity—a standard measurement of antioxidant strength—shows the berry has one of the highest values ever recorded for a fruit.

"I don't think this is a passing fad," she said.

Antioxidants help protect cells from damage, although there are questions in the medical field as to what role antioxidants play in helping prevent human disease. Federal regulators have, in recent years, targeted companies that have made unsubstantiated health claims about antioxidant-containing products. Last year, the Federal Trade Commission upheld a judge's decision that POM Wonderful made deceptive claims that its pomegranate products could treat or prevent heart disease, prostate cancer and other illnesses. The FTC's action is pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

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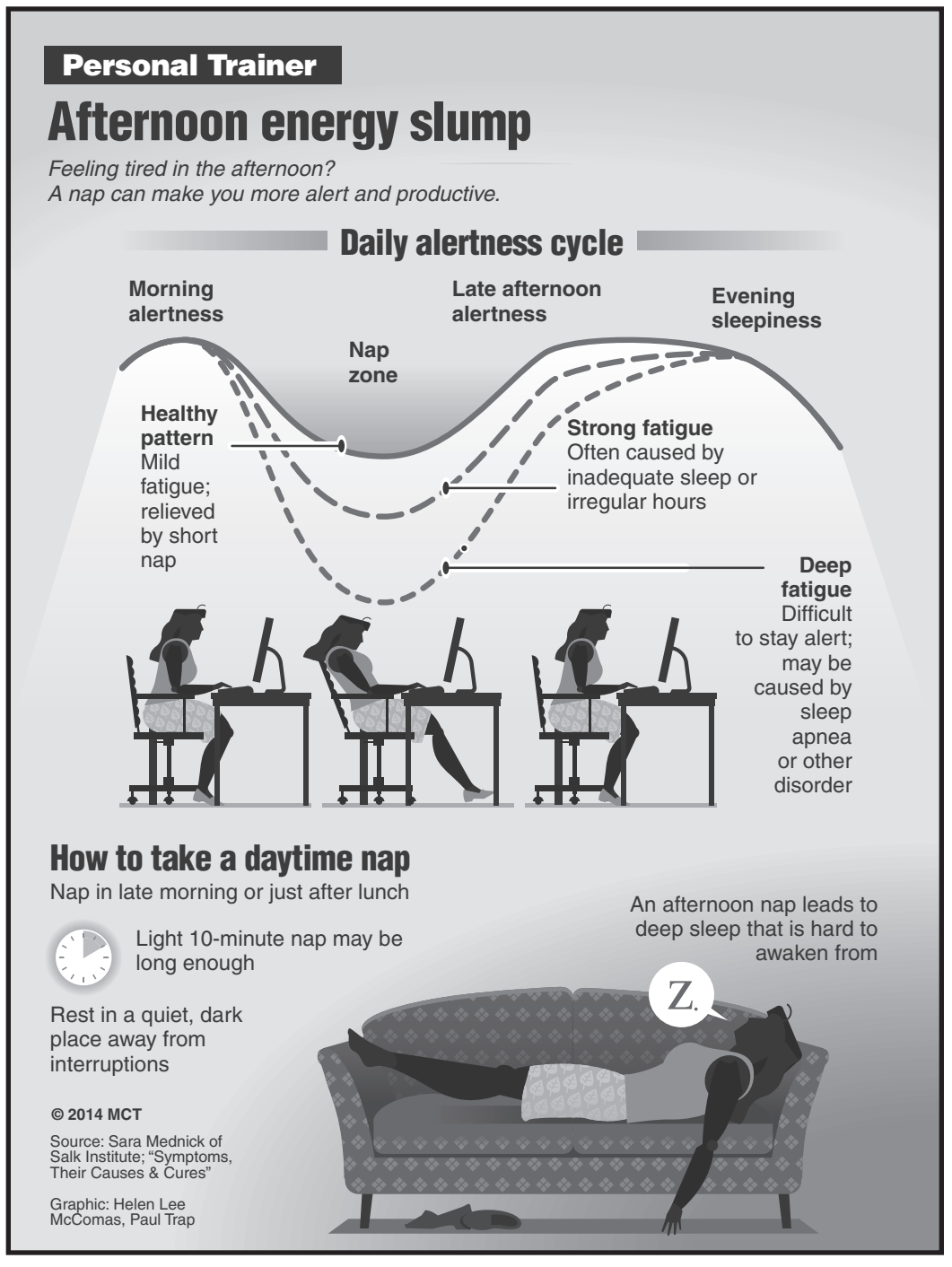
Andrew Pittz of the Sawmill Hollow aronia berry farm offers samples and sells aronia berry products at Whole Foods Market in Omaha, Neb., Friday, April 25, 2014.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Trial: Dengue shot offers some protection

LONDON (AP)—The most advanced vaccine for dengue only offers modest protection but could still help millions of people avoid the devastating effects of the disease known as "breakbone fever," according to a large trial.

There is no treatment for dengue, which causes symptoms including fever, severe joint pain, headaches and bleeding. About half the world's population is at risk from the mosquito-borne disease, which sickens about 100 million people every year, mostly in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Results from an early trial of the vaccine in 2012 found the vaccine's efficacy was 33 percent and that it failed to protect against one type of dengue; there are four distinct kinds and the vaccine is meant to fight all of them. In the latest study, conducted in more than 10,000 children aged 2 to 14 in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam, the shot's efficacy improved to 56 percent. Most common vaccines like those for measles and polio are more than 95 percent effective.

"We all would have wanted a better efficacy rate but this is what we have to live with at the moment," said Annelies Wilder-Smith of Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, who wrote a commentary for the study, published Friday in the journal Lancet. "Whether this vaccine's efficacy is enough for countries to invest in is a question for economists."

Researchers tracked the children in the new study, including those who got the fake shot, for about two years and noted side effects and other health problems following the vaccine. The study was paid for by Sanofi Pasteur, the vaccine's maker.

Other experts said longer follow-up data on vaccinated children is needed to assess the shot's safety. People infected with one type of dengue develop antibodies that protect them from further infections of that type. But if they catch another kind of dengue, their antibodies make them susceptible to more serious disease that could include hemorrhaging. Some scientists worry the antibodies from a dengue vaccine might have the same effect and say vaccinated children should be monitored for several years.

"We just don't understand the antibody response in dengue well enough to know if this (problem) would also occur with a vaccine," said Martin Hibberd, a professor of emerging infectious diseases at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, who wasn't part of the study.

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Life & Style

Tracy Morgan released from rehab month after crash

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—Former "Saturday Night Live" star Tracy Morgan has been released from a rehabilitation facility as he heals from serious injuries he suffered in a car crash that left a fellow comedian dead, his spokesman said Saturday.

Morgan will continue his recovery at home with an "aggressive outpatient program," spokesman Lewis Kay said.

The former "30 Rock" star suffered a broken leg and broken ribs when the limousine van he was riding in was hit from behind June 7 by a Wal-Mart truck on the New Jersey Turnpike.

The wreck killed 62-year-old comedian James McNair, who went by the name Jimmy Mack. Comedian Ardley Fuqua and another passenger, Jeffrey Millea, were injured.

Morgan

On Thursday, lawyers for Morgan filed a lawsuit against Bentonville, Arkansas-based Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in U.S. District Court in New Jersey, claiming the retailer was negligent when a driver of one of its tractor-trailers rammed into Morgan's limousine van.

The complaint claims the retail giant should have known that its driver had been awake for over 24 hours and that his commute of 700 miles from his home in Georgia to work in Delaware was "unreasonable." It also alleges the driver fell asleep at the wheel.

"As a result of Wal-Mart's gross, reckless, willful, wanton, and intentional conduct, it should be appropriately punished with the imposition of punitive damages," according to the complaint.

Morgan's lawsuit seeks a jury trial and punitive and compensatory damages.

Fuqua, Jeffrey Millea, and Millea's wife, Krista, are also named as plaintiffs in the suit. Krista Millea was not in the limousine when the crash occurred, but is a plaintiff because she has a related "loss of services" lawsuit stemming from the crash.

In a statement issued Saturday, Wal-Mart reiterated that it was "cooperating fully" in the ongoing investigation.

"We know it will take some time to resolve all of the remaining issues as a result of the accident, but we're committed to doing the right thing for all involved," Wal-Mart said.

Truck driver Kevin Roper, 35, of Jonesboro, Georgia, has pleaded not guilty to death by auto and assault by auto charges. A criminal complaint also accuses him of not sleeping for more than 24 hours before the crash, a violation of New Jersey law.

A report by federal transportation safety investigators said Roper was driving 65 mph in the 60 seconds before he slammed into the limo van. The speed limit on that stretch of the turnpike is 55 mph and was lowered to 45 mph that night because of construction.

Roper had been on the job about 13 1/2 hours at the time of the crash, the report concluded. Federal rules permit truck drivers to work up to 14 hours a day, with a maximum of 11 hours behind the wheel.

Morgan, a New York City native, was returning from a standup performance at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino in Delaware when the crash occurred.

Liev Schreiber balances fatherhood, 'Ray Donovan'

CALABASAS, Calif. (AP)—Nothing is more important than family.

That's what the stoic Hollywood fixer played by Liev Schreiber tells his wife in the second season premiere of "Ray Donovan." While it's unclear whether his character believes his own words, Schreiber says that principle has shaped his career in recent years.

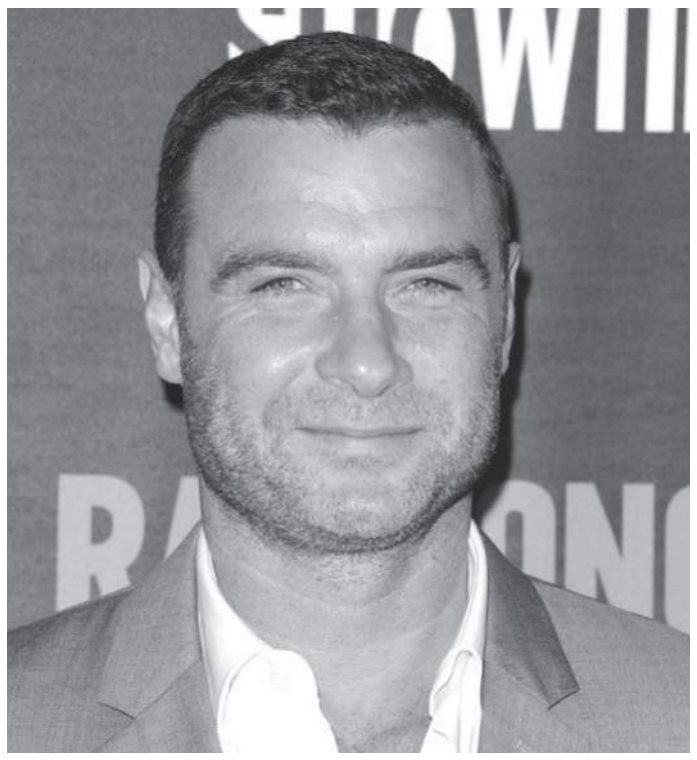
The actor has made it a priority to spend time with his two sons with longtime partner Naomi Watts—6-year-old Sasha and 5-year-old Samuel. He set aside plans to direct again after 2005's "Everything Is Illuminated." He let others guide him into roles in theatre and on screen.

"It's amazing how insignificant everything else becomes," Schreiber said of his fatherhood. "It sounds romantic. But the reality is that you go brain dead for 2 1/2, 3 years and slowly return to the world. ... You kind of lose all ambition."

"That's part of the thing about acting. It's so easy to follow the career path that's defined by the options presented to you," he said. "Where with directing or producing or writing, there is a lot more self-motivation at play there."

The 46-year-old actor looked as if he had mostly emerged from that haze during a recent shoot on the set of "Ray Donovan" in a gated neighborhood in Calabasas, the hilly Los Angeles suburb where the Kardashians and many other celebrities live.

Schreiber was directing the episode, his first gig outside of commercials in nine years. Sitting in a high folding chair, he reviewed a script on a MacBook Air, glancing up to watch



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Actor Liev Schreiber attends the season two premiere of the Showtime series "Ray Donovan" at NOBU Malibu on Wednesday, July 9, 2014, in Malibu, Calif.

cameras move into position on a monitor.

"We're good. We're good. We're good," he announced over a wireless microphone to the production crew. There was a pause. One actor was missing. "Oh right, that's me," he said with a tight smile, hopping up swiftly to take his mark for a scene in which Donovan confronts a music mogul and yells at his teenage daughter.

Schreiber says later he underestimated the difficulty of "pulling double duty" on the much-praised series, which weaves together stories of clergy sex abuse, unconventional family ties, violence, celebrity and Hollywood powerbrokers. The second season starts Sunday on Showtime.

"In order to do it correctly, you have to watch playback after every take. I just hated stopping ... to see my own performance," he said. "The hard part is directing without vision, without being able to see."

It's unclear what the future holds for "Ray Donovan," which also stars Jon Voight, Eddie Marsan and Paula Malcomson. (Voight was nominated for an Emmy this past week for his unhinged performance as Donovan's father, Mickey. He also won a Golden Globe for the role earlier this year.)

Schreiber and Watts have been splitting time between New York and Los Angeles in order to accommodate the shooting schedule. Schreiber says that's been tough on his family. He yearns to return to New York full-time.

"It's really demanding even when I'm not directing," he said. "I should be so lucky to have this opportunity, and to be leading a company like this is pretty special." However, he said, "to be honest, I would like to go home. I'm homesick. ... If we don't get picked up next year, is it a huge tragedy for me and my family? Absolutely not."

Schreiber hasn't had conversations with series creator Ann Biderman about his character's long-term story arc, and often gets scripts for episodes three days before shooting them.

"I live literally minute to minute. It is so hard to imagine doing it again and again for me," he said. Still, he's found time to star as Russian chess champion Boris Spassky opposite Tobey Maguire in Edward Zwick's "Pawn Sacrifice" and has other potential projects in development.

Back on set, Schreiber directs camera operators and fellow actors efficiently with a grim, concentrated look, sweating through temperatures over 100 degrees. After a successful sixth take, he claps his hands once -- "We got it"—and returns to review the footage.

Schreiber's face lights up when he overhears a visitor to set mention that she recently had a baby. "Have you been Ferberizing?" Schreiber asks excitedly, referring to a method of sleep training that he and Watts used for their sons. For a couple minutes, the set fades away. Schreiber is talking about his favorite role.

Last original Ramones member dies

NEW YORK (AP)—The Ramones always seemed too fast. Their songs rushed by, often two minutes or less of pure adrenaline. Their influence outstripped their sales. And now, with the death of drummer Tommy, all four original members of the seminal punk rock band are gone.

Tommy Ramone, born Erdelyi Tamas in Budapest, Hungary, died Friday at age 65, said Dave Frey, who works for Ramones Productions and Silent Partner Management. Frey had no further details.

Johnny, Joey, Dee Dee and Tommy Ramone, taking their surname from an alias Paul McCartney used to check into hotels, formed in Queens, N.Y. in 1974. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame members were among the leaders of the original punk rock movement with songs like "I Wanna Be Sedated," "Blitzkrieg Bop" and "Rockaway Beach."

Wearing ripped jeans, black leather and bad haircuts, the Ramones stripped rock down to its essentials: two guitars, drums, a singer and no solos. Their 1976 debut album had 14 songs in less than 30 minutes, with "Now I Wanna Sniff Some Glue" and "Beat on the Brat" reflecting their twisted teen years.

Their taste also reflected a love for early 1960s rock, before it became "progressive."

The Ramones never had a Top 40 hit, although not for lack of trying. They brought in the eccentric Phil Spector to produce an album. After seeing the Ramones in Asbury Park, N.J., Bruce Springsteen wrote "Hungry Heart" for them—then kept it for himself when his manager smelled a hit.

"This is art," Tommy wrote in the liner notes for a Ramones compilation. "Sometimes it doesn't sell at first. Sometimes it takes a while for the world to catch on."

Their concerts were a bolt of energy, songs tumbling upon one another. "Hello, Schenectady!" Joey shouted upon taking the stage in Syracuse, N.Y., one night in the late 1970s, before Dee Dee let loose with the familiar, rapid-fire "1-2-3-4" call that signaled the music's start.

Upstate New York city. Starts with an `S.' Close enough.

Bands like Nirvana, Blink-182 and Green Day—who inducted the Ramones into the rock hall—came later and did sell, with sounds unimaginable without the Ramones' influence.

Now, teenagers not yet born when the Ramones played their last gig in 1996, perhaps even unaware of their legacy, wear black T-shirts to the mall emblazoned with the band's distinctive insignia.

Tommy Ramone was the last to see it all. Singer Joey died first, of cancer, at age 49 in 2001. Bass player Dee Dee was killed by a drug overdose the next year at age 50, three months after the band's rock hall induction. Guitarist Johnny, then 55, died of cancer in 2004.

AP

In this Jan. 8, 2005, file photo, Tommy Ramone, ex-drummer and manager of The Ramones, smiles as he is interviewed backstage at the Knitting Factory in New York.

LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian jump into reality TV

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Tabloid targets LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian are jumping into the fray with their own reality show, although the couple plans to keep Cibrian's two children out of it.

Cibrian's two sons—ages 11 and seven—with ex-wife Brandi Glanville don't appear in "LeAnn & Eddie," an eight-episode series debuting Thursday on VH1. Glanville appears on "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills." Rimes, Cibrian and Glanville have had a history of rocky exchanges in recent years.

"We do discuss Eddie's ex-wife when it needed to be discussed," Rimes told the summer TV critics' meeting. "You can't really do a show without talking about that."

Cibrian said the show isn't an opportunity to fire back at the couple's critics. Instead, he said it's a chance to mock the rumors that have surrounded them since he and Rimes got together in 2009, when they were both married to others.

"Everyone has used our lives as entertainment, and so we wanted to actually kind of take our life back and have fun with our story," Rimes said.

Rimes and Cibrian pitched the show to the network and are producers on it.

`There are some things that are kind of embarrassing that we left on this because we thought it was funny," Cibrian said.

AP

LeAnn Rimes, left, and Eddie Cibrian participate in the VH1 2014 Summer TCA - "LeAnn & Eddie" panel at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Friday, July 11, 2014, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Reality TV hasn't always been kind to other couples: Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson and Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom all divorced, while Tori Spelling and Dean McDermott's marriage has been under strain.

"It seems to happen," Rimes said. "Maybe we will beat it. Maybe we won't."

'X-Files' auteur Chris Carter back with new series

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Chris Carter is back.

Largely absent from the scene since "The X-Files" series and films he masterminded years ago, Carter is returning with a sci-fi thriller, "The After."

Arriving on the Amazon Prime website in early 2015, "The After" follows a group of strangers thrown together by a mysterious calamity that strikes Los Angeles and brings it to a panic-ridden halt.

During a panel discussion Saturday at the summer TV critics' tour, Carter said he resists the label of "post-apocalyptic" for what has befallen the city: "We are doing a show where something is happening, and we're playing it in real time."

The idea for the series had gestated for more than 20 years, he said, sparked by an incident in the 1980s when a box of nails was dropped on an LA highway.

"It brought the city to a standstill," Carter recalled. Inspired by that, he began plotting his own, much more elaborate "box of nails."

The cast of the eight-hour first season includes Aldis Hodges, Andrew Howard, Arielle Kebbel, Louis Monot, Jania Lee Ortiz and Adrian Pasdar.

After "The X-Files" ended its nine-season Fox run in 2002 (with a follow-up film in 2008), Carter took what was largely a decade-long hiatus.

Then in his mid-forties, he was ready to do other things, he explained: "I surfed, I climbed mountains, I read a lot, I watched a lot. I got ready to come back to do what I'm doing now."

He plans to do a lot of it. The first season of "The After" will be eight hours, but "I have a goal of 99 episodes for this. I'm serious. There are a number of influences here, but one is Dante's `Inferno.' There are 99 cantos, and I'm kind of using that as my model."

'South Park' catalog finds a new home on Hulu

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Hulu is now the exclusive streaming home for the full run of Comedy Central's bad-boy animated series, "South Park"—all 244-and-counting episodes.

New episodes will continue to also appear on Comedy Central's website as well as the website of South Park Studios.

The announcement was made Saturday at the summer TV critics' tour, where the "South Park" creators, Trey Parker and Matt Stone, made an unbilled appearance.

They didn't stay long.

"Tomorrow we have to start another new episode," said Stone.

The pair, who introduced "South Park" to an unsuspecting Comedy Central audience in 1997, have since built an empire that includes films, a video game and their record-breaking Broadway musical, "The Book of Mormon."

Asked why they have stuck with the punishing "South Park" grind this long, Parker explained that the show for them "is sort of the band. We go into the studio once a year and make an album, and each episode is a song. We still write and direct each episode ourselves, and that's the nuts-and-bolts of everything.

"It would be pretty jarring to live without it."

TV's 'Cake Boss' helped from fogged-in boat in NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—A summer sunset boat trip turned out to be no cake walk for reality TV's "Cake Boss," who's thanking police and firefighters for getting his boat and passengers to safety after they were enveloped in fog in New York Harbor.

Buddy Valastro was bringing the boat back Friday evening to Jersey City, New Jersey, after a dinner excursion with friends and family, when a clear day suddenly changed.

"All of a sudden—boom!—we were in a really deep fog where you couldn't see anything," even 5 feet ahead, he recalled by phone Saturday.

Valastro

About 12 people were aboard, including about eight children, said Valastro, who stars in TLC's "Cake Boss" and "Next Great Baker." His Carlo's Bakery has four locations in New Jersey.

A longtime fisherman, Valastro said he used the 32-foot Boston Whaler's radar and GPS to keep going, slowly, for a time. But he was concerned that other boats might not see his. And with children aboard, "we weren't going to take a chance," the father of four said.

They called for help, and police and firefighters found them in the fog within 10 minutes, he said.

The Fire Department of New York says authorities were called to help the fogged-in boat around 9:30 p.m. The New York Police Department ultimately towed the boat to Jersey City.

No one was hurt, though Valastro said some of the children were a bit seasick.

"We were just a little shaken up, a little scared," he said. But not rattled enough to stay on dry land for long.

"Actually, believe it or not, we went fishing" Saturday, he said.

Members of extended Jackson family in reality show

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Members of Michael Jackson's extended family are stepping out of what they call "the Jackson bubble" for a reality show.

The six-episode show, debuting Nov. 18 on Reelz, focuses on Alejandra Jackson, the ex-wife of Michael's brother Jermaine, and her five children. After Michael's death five years ago, they left the Jackson family home in suburban Encino, a move that a clip from the show suggests wasn't their idea.

"We didn't want it to happen that way," Alejandra's daughter Genevieve said Saturday at the summer TV critics' tour.

Son Donte Jackson added, "Some of the politics came into play."

At the same time, Genevieve said the family lived under constraints at the Encino house.

"We were very sheltered," she said. "There's a lot of outside people coming in and out of our house. We had to watch what we said."

Alejandra Jackson and her brood started a new life away from the home of grandparents Katherine and Joe Jackson. She had two children with Randy Jackson—Genevieve and Randy Jr.—and then married Randy's brother Jermaine, having sons Jaafar and Jermajesty. Alejandra has raised Donte since he was 2 after he was adopted by Katherine and Joe.

Wandering grandchild must be taught to respect boundaries

DEAR ABBY: We were visiting my daughter and her husband when their 3-year-old, "Bethany," entered our room and rummaged through our medications. The door to the guest room was closed and the medications had been placed on a desk. Of course, everyone thought she had ingested some, so they rushed her to the ER. We were fortunate that nothing was found in her system.

My son-in-law thinks we should help pay the medical bills. I have sent several hundred dollars, but he is asking for more.

Bethany is an only child, and they allow her free reign of the house. I have other grandchildren who are even younger, and none of them would dream of touching something that wasn't theirs.

It has been almost a year since the incident, and they still haven't taught her to respect and leave things alone that are not hers. My daughter is a professional and her husband works from home, which concerns me because he isn't as strict as I feel is necessary.

Are we obligated to help with more of her medical expenses? I don't think so because we have already helped, and I don't think it's our job to teach our grandchild boundaries.

OHIO GRANDMA

DEAR OHIO GRANDMA: That must have been some hefty emergency room bill! Obviously, closing the guest room door was not enough to deter your granddaughter. In hindsight, you now know that you should keep anything you don't want her to get into locked in your suitcase. But you and your husband are not mind readers.

If this wasn't a wake-up call to your daughter and son-in-law that it was time to teach their child the meaning of "No!" and "Don't touch!" then I don't know what it will take to prevent another "oops!" As to your shelling out more money than you already have for Bethany's medical bills, I think you have given enough, and you should not be blamed for what happened.

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DEAR ABBY: My best friend told me several months ago that she needed to make new friends. When I gave her a surprised look, her response was, "No, you took that the wrong way." I left it at that.

She recently mentioned that she was going to invite several of our neighbors over for cocktails and a light dinner, but she did not invite me. The evening of the event, while her guests were still there, she phoned me. She said they were finished with dinner and asked if I wanted to walk over and get some leftovers. I politely declined, saying I wasn't dressed.

Abby, I'm shocked that she would ask me to come over to, basically, get a takeout plate. Your thoughts?

NO TAKEOUT FOR ME

DEAR NO TAKEOUT: I think what the woman did was insensitive, and that it's time you, too, started making some new friends. Considering how this one treated you, it certainly couldn't hurt.

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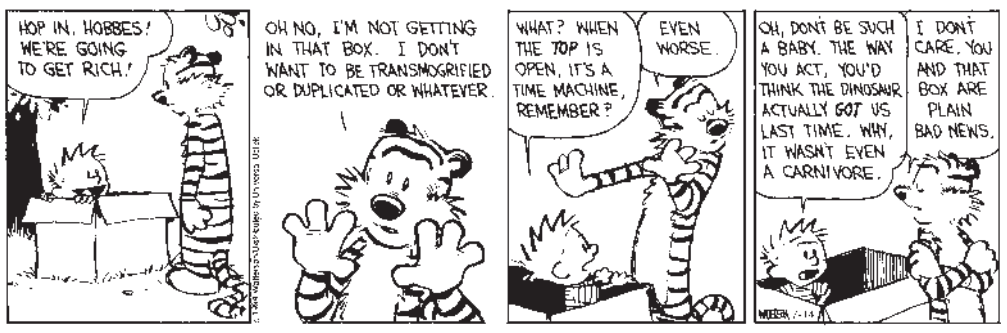
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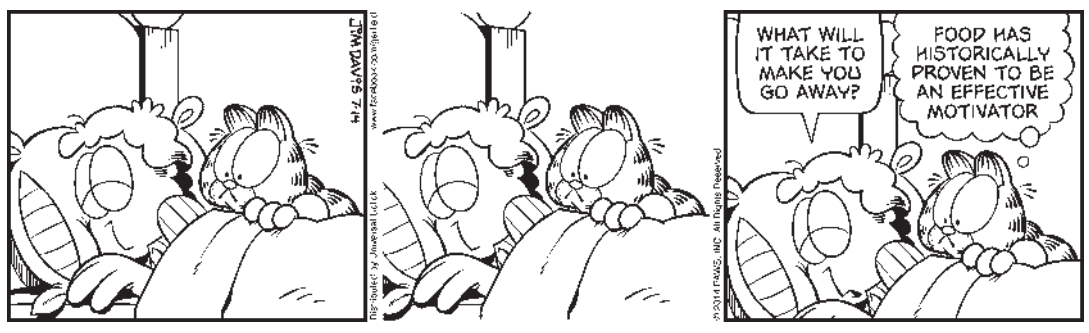

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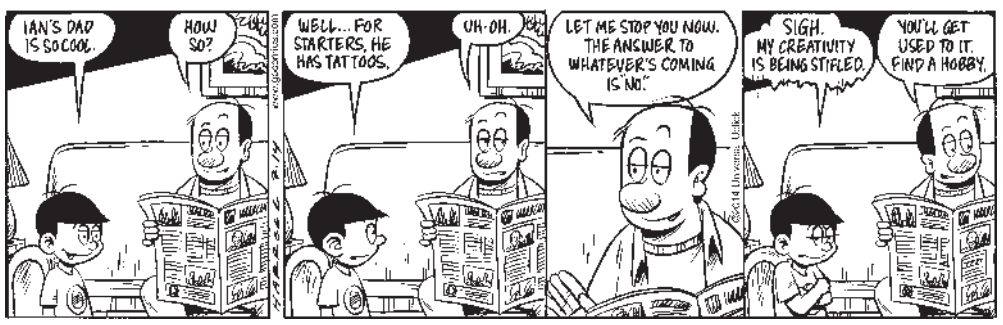
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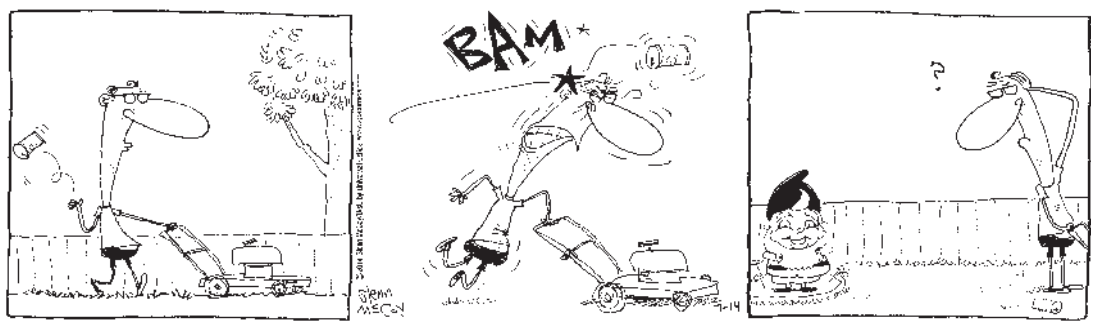

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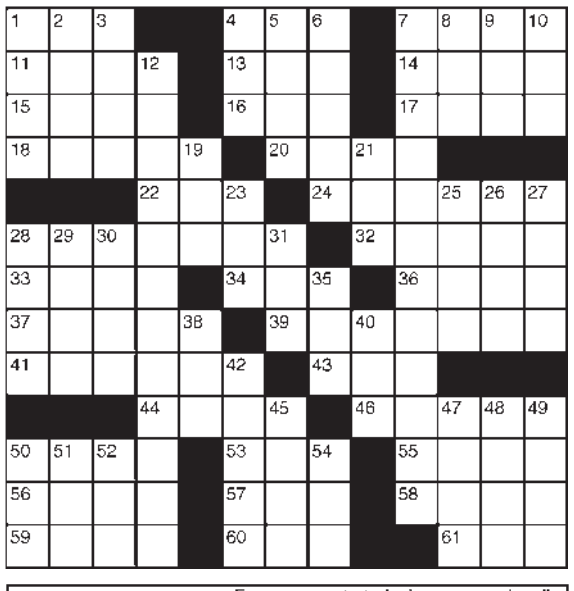

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Choose your friends and associates carefully, and you will form interesting and progressive alliances that can help you advance personally and professionally. Get ready to take the initiative and put your dreams, hopes and wishes into play. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Refrain from judging others, or you will end up having the same done to you. Re-evaluate your current status and make changes that will help you expand your prospects and knowledge. Aim to stabilize your domestic situation. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Focus on work and getting ahead. Physical activities will alleviate anxiousness, but caution must be taken to avoid injury. Avoid unnecessary purchases. Love is on the rise, and romance will lead to a close bond with someone special. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Follow your inquisitive mind, and you will discover an activity or hobby that will tempt you to try something new. A chance to develop a skill or service you can offer will lead to extra cash. Follow your instincts. ✪✪✪

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF **VICENTE E. BELIBEI** An Incompetent By **MARIA ASUNCION AGUILA BELIBEI** Petitioner	))))))))	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0299 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardianship of the above-named by **Maria Asuncion Aguila Belibei**, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court and is open for review at the office of the Clerk of the said Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Guma Hustisia Building, Susupe, Saipan, NMI before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the 31st day of July, 2014 at 1:30a.m. or as soon as thereafter.

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Opening date: July 07, 2014 **Closing date: July 25, 2014**

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Jeter, Green hand Yankees win vs Orioles

BALTIMORE (AP)—Rookie Shane Greene pitched four-hit ball into the eighth inning of his second major league start, Derek Jeter had two hits and an RBI and the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles.

Greene (2-0) struck out nine and walked two in his third big league appearance. The right-hander didn't give up a hit until the fifth inning and allowed only two runners past second base in 7 1-3 innings. David Robertson, the third New York reliever, worked a perfect ninth for his 23rd save.

It was only the third loss in 12 games for the Orioles, who finished with five hits. Chris Tillman (7-5) gave up three runs, seven hits and three walks in 6 2-3 innings.

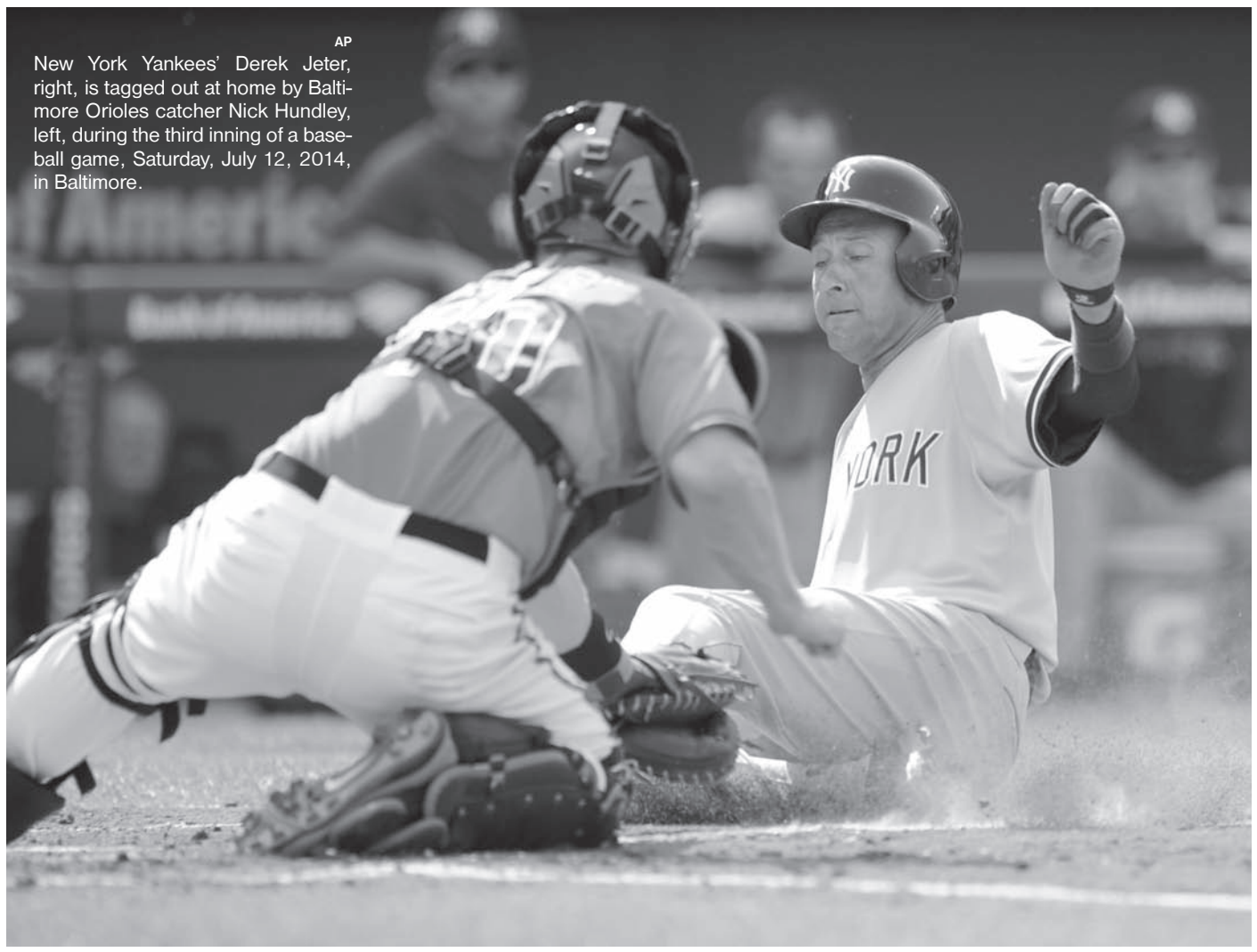
Wainwright (12-4) gave up two runs and five hits, tying Cincinnati's Alfredo Simon and the Yankees' Masahiro Tanaka for the most wins in the majors. Jimmy Nelson (1-1) took the loss.

The Yankees led 1-0 before chasing Chris Tillman with a two-run seventh. Kelly Johnson led off with a single and advanced on a wild pitch before Jeter hit a two-out RBI single to left.

That prompted the thousands of Yankees fans among the sell-out crowd of 46,667 to chant "Derek Jeter! Derek Jeter!"—saluting the 40-year-old team captain who will retire after this season.

Jacoby Ellsbury greeted T.J. McFarland with a broken-bat RBI double, and the inning ended when Ellsbury was cut down at the plate trying to score on McCann's single to center.

Ellsbury was the second New York runner to be thrown out at home, but it hardly mattered as the Yankees improved to 10-32 when scoring three runs or fewer.



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New York Yankees' Derek Jeter, right, is tagged out at home by Baltimore Orioles catcher Nick Hundley, left, during the third inning of a baseball game, Saturday, July 12, 2014, in Baltimore.

Cardinals 10, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Adam Wainwright pitched seven strong innings and the St. Louis Cardinals sent Milwaukee to its seventh straight loss, 10-2 on Saturday as the Brewers mourned the death of shortstop Jean Segura's young son

Segura left the team and traveled home to the Dominican Republic, a day after his 9-month-old son died. The Brewers observed a moment of silence for Janniel Segura, and the clubhouse was closed before the game. Manager Ron Roenicke said the boy had been ill.

Tony Cruz drove in a career-high three runs and Kolten Wong homered as the Cardinals pulled into a first-place tie with Milwaukee, which has lost 11 of 12, in the NL Central. St. Louis trailed by 6 1/2 games on July 1.

White Sox 6, Indians 2

In Cleveland, Jose Abreu hit his major league-leading 29th homer, a two-run shot that sent the Chicago White Sox over the Cleveland Indians and ended a three-game losing streak.

Abreu, picked for the AL All-Star team in his rookie season, broke a scoreless tie in the fourth inning with his drive off Zach McAllister (3-5). The homer cleared the fence in right field and landed in the White Sox's bullpen for Chicago's first hit.

Scott Carroll (4-5) held Cleveland to two hits in five shutout innings before being pulled with a stiff lower back. The rookie right-hander has won two straight starts, in which he hasn't allowed a run over 11 2-3 innings.

Braves 11, Cubs 6

In Chicago, Chris Johnson homered twice and pitcher Mike Minor hit his second career home run, leading the Atlanta Braves over the Chicago Cubs.

Johnson and Justin Upton each drove in four runs for the Braves. Johnson and Minor homered and Upton hit a three-run double as Atlanta scored six times in the fourth inning for a 9-3 lead.

Minor (3-5) allowed six runs and 11 hits in six innings. He improved to 6-0 in his career against the Cubs as the Braves won for the second time in seven games.

Chris Coghlan hit two doubles and drove in three runs for the Cubs, who have lost seven of nine. Edwin Jackson (5-10) lasted just 3 2-3 innings after giving nine runs, seven hits and three home runs.

Diamondbacks 2, Giants 0

In San Francisco, Aaron Hill homered, doubled and scored twice, Wade Miley pitched seven shutout innings and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the San Francisco Giants.

David Peralta and Gerardo Parra each added two hits for the Diamondbacks, who won their fourth in six games.

Marco Scutaro went hitless in two at-bats with a walk in his season debut for the Giants, who were shut out for the fifth time in 13 games.

Miley (5-6) allowed four hits and won his second straight start for the first time since early April. Brad Ziegler worked the eighth and Addison Reed pitched the ninth for his 21st save.

Mets 5, Marlins 4

In New York, Chris Young and rookie Eric Campbell delivered big hits off the bench in the late innings to rally the surging New York Mets past the Miami Marlins.

Young's pinch-hit, two-run homer off Bryan Morris tied it at 4 in the seventh, and Campbell came through with a pinch-hit single in the eighth to put the Mets ahead. Daisuke Matsuzaka struck out 10 in six innings and New York executed a perfect suicide squeeze, improving to 7-2 on a 10-game homestand that leads into the All-Star break.

Vic Black (2-2) worked a scoreless inning for the win, and Jenrry Mejia got three quick outs for his 10th save.

Twins 9, Rockies 3

In Denver, Kevin Correia pitched six innings of one-run ball, Eduardo Escobar homered, and the Minnesota Twins pulled away late to beat the Colorado Rockies.

Correia (5-11) scattered seven hits and cooled off the power-hitting Rockies, who stranded 10 baserunners and were kept in the yard after slugging eight home runs in their previous two games. He walked one and struck out one in snapping a hard-luck three-game losing streak during which he had received no run support.

The Twins were shut out in the last two losses for Correia, who helped the Twins offense with a run-scoring double for his first hit of the season and first RBI in three years.

Astros 3, Red Sox 2

In Houston, Jason Castro hit a two-run homer and Chris Carter had a tiebreaking infield single in the eighth inning, lifting the Houston Astros over the Boston Red Sox.

Jose Altuve doubled to open the eighth and chase Red Sox starter Jake Peavy (1-8). Altuve advanced to third on a groundout before George Springer was intentionally walked and Jon Singleton struck out.

Carter then hit a grounder off Junichi Tazawa to shortstop Brock Holt. Springer just beat Holt's throw to second in a force attempt, allowing Altuve to score.

Rays 10, Blue Jays 3

In St. Petersburgh, Rookie Jake Odorizzi pitched into the seventh inning and Kevin Kiermaier, Matt Joyce and Ben Zobrist delivered key hits during a six-run outburst that helped the Tampa Bay Rays top the Toronto Blue Jays.

Pitching a day earlier than scheduled because All-Star David Price was ill, Odorizzi (5-8) allowed three runs and six hits over 6 2-3 innings. The 24-year-old right-hander walked two and struck out seven to improve to 3-1 over his last five starts.

Tigers 5, Royals1

In Kansas City, Rick Porcello outdueled James Shields and the Detroit Tigers won their fifth in a row, beating the Kansas City Royals.

Porcello (12-5) raised his career record against Kansas City to 8-3 while yielding six hits and one run through seven innings.

The Royals have lost six of their last eight. They are 0-6 at home against Detroit this year.

Shields (9-5) went seven innings and allowed two runs and seven hits. He struck out eight and walked none while throwing 121 pitches.

Angels 5, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Howie Kendrick celebrated his 31st birthday with three hits, including an RBI single during a four-run sixth inning as the Los Angeles Angels sent the Texas Rangers to their seventh straight loss.

Kendrick's third single tied it at 2 in the sixth. The Angels chased Texas starter Miles Mikolas (0-2) and pulled away for their ninth win in 10 games.

The Rangers have dropped 21 of 24. They have the worst winning percentage in the majors, .404 with their 38-56 record.

Pirates 6, Reds 5, 11 innings

In Cincinnati, Andrew McCutchen tied the game with a solo homer in the ninth inning, then connected again in the 11th, rallying the struggling Pittsburgh Pirates to a victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

He tied it 5 in the ninth off Jonathan Broxton, filling in the closer's role because Aroldis Chapman had pitched four days in a row. He hit his 17th homer with two outs in the 11th off J.J. Hoover (1-7) for his ninth career multihomer game.

Left-hander Justin Wilson (3-1) escaped a bases-loaded threat in the 10th with the help of right fielder Gregory Polanco, who threw Ramon Santiago out at the plate as he tried to score on Jay Bruce's single.

Nationals 5, Phillies 3, 10 innings

In Philadelphia, Ryan Zimmerman singled in the go-ahead run with two outs in the 10th inning, and Jayson Werth homered and had three RBIs to lead the Washington Nationals to a victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Ross Detwiler (1-2), one of six Washington pitchers, tossed a scoreless ninth to earn the victory. Philadelphia's season-best, five-game winning streak was snapped. Rafael Soriano struck out the side in the 10th for his 22nd save.

Washington's Stephen Strasburg struck out nine in 5 2/3 innings and was in line for the victory before Ben Revere's RBI single with two outs in the eighth tied it 3-3.

The Nationals went ahead in the 10th against Jake Diekman (3-3).

Mariners 6, Athletics 2

In Seattle, Hisashi Iwakuma pitched a career-high 8 2-3 innings, and Kyle Seager and Robinson Cano homered to lift the Seattle Mariners over the Oakland Athletics.

Iwakuma (8-4) fanned five of the first six batters he retired en route to eight strikeouts overall. The right-hander allowed five hits and faced the minimum in all but three innings. In his last three starts, Iwakuma is 3-0 with a 0.42 ERA (3 earned runs in 21 2-3 innings), 25 strikeouts and no walks.

Brandon Moss' two-out, two-run home run off Iwakuma in the ninth snapped his 20-inning scoreless streak.

Dodgers 1, Padres 0

In Los Angeles, A.J. Ellis hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the ninth inning, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers past the San Diego Padres.

Adrian Gonzalez greeted Kevin Quackenbush (1-2) with a leadoff double before Matt Kemp struck out and Andre Ethier was intentionally walked. Juan Uribe then worked out a seven-pitch walk that included two checked swings that were upheld on appeal by first base umpire Jim Wolf. Padres manager Bud Black then employed a drawn-in five-man infield, but Ellis was able to lift a 1-2 pitch to right field.

Kenley Jansen (1-3) pitched a scoreless ninth for the victory.

LeBron signs 2-year contract with Cavs

CLEVELAND (AP)—First, the Cavaliers got LeBron James' word. Then they got his signature.

James signed a two-year, $42.1 million contract with the Cavs on Saturday, a day after he announced he was returning to play in Cleveland and try to end the city's 50-year championship drought.

The deal provides flexibility for the NBA's biggest star with the league's maximum salary expected to rise in the future.

A person familiar with the negotiations said James' contract includes an option for the four-time league MVP to become a free agent next summer. However, it is strictly "a business deal," according to the person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team is not providing any details about the agreement.

By only signing for two years, James can get another contract with the Cavs before the 2016-17 season, when a new television deal is expected to push the maximum salary higher. The max contract for next season is $20.7 million. Until this deal, James had never been the highest paid player on his team in 11 seasons as a pro.

The Cavs did not provide any terms of the contract in a release, citing league policy.

James announced he was returning to the Cavaliers on Friday, picking Cleveland over Miami and reversing the decision he made four years ago to sign as a free agent with the Heat.

In an essay in Sports Illustrated, James indicated he will finish his career in Cleveland, and the Cavaliers are confident the Akron, Ohio, native is committed to them long-term.

"We could not be happier to welcome LeBron James home," Cavaliers general manager David Griffin said. "Yesterday, LeBron, through his essay, told us he wasn't going anywhere except Cleveland and that `Cleveland is where he always believed he would finish his career.' These words and commitment put all of us, including LeBron, in the best position to build our franchise the right way and achieve the kind of goals we all know are possible. Expectations will be at the highest levels but no one should expect immediate and automatic success."

ESPN.com first reported the contract terms for James.

His decision to come back to his native Ohio was universally applauded. In the powerful essay on SI.com, the 29-year-old laid out his reasons for returning and said his relationship with Northeast Ohio "is bigger than basketball. I didn't realize that four years ago. I do now."

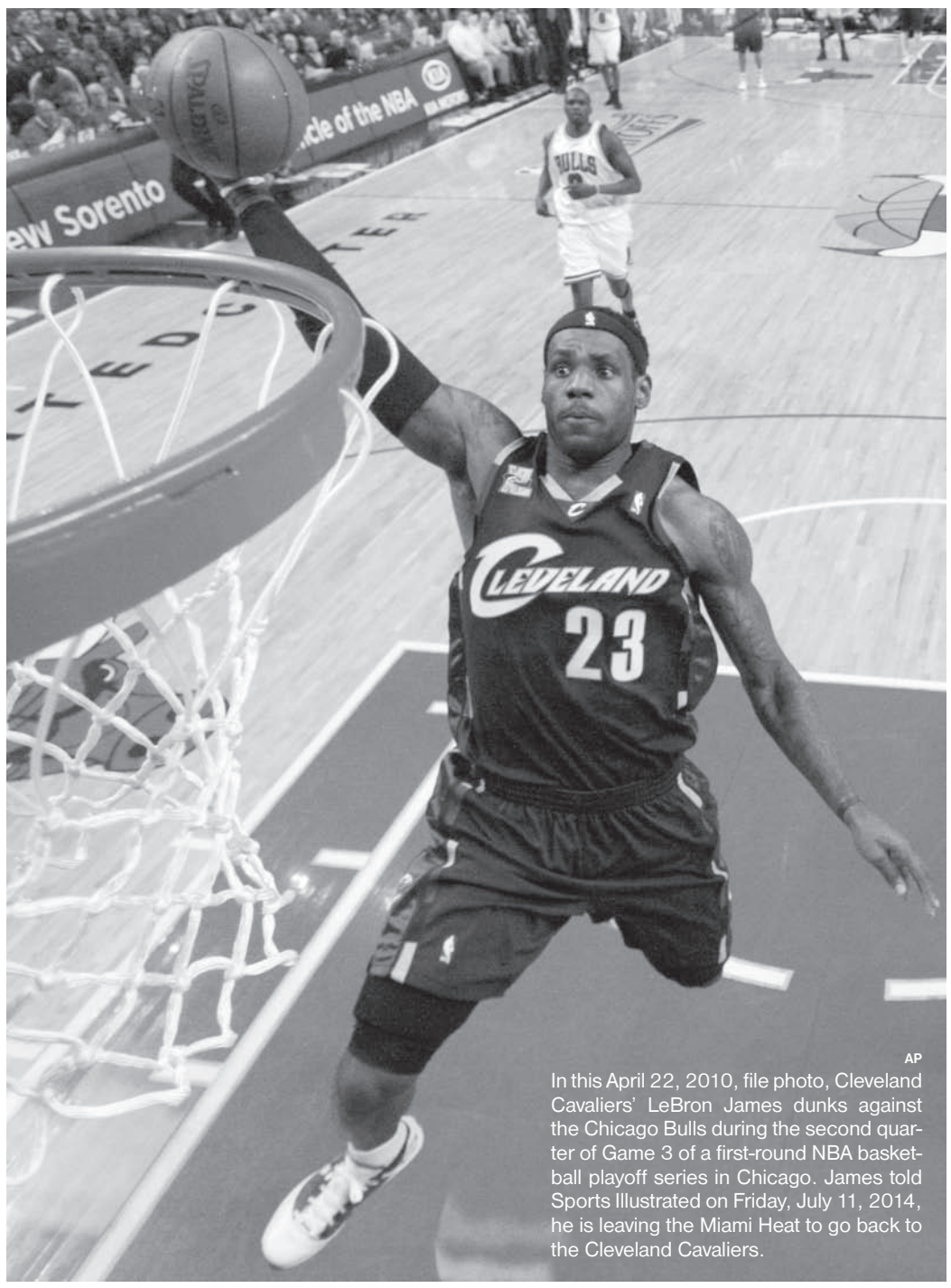
Griffin echoed those sentiments.

"LeBron's motivation to return home is clearly fueled by the kind of emotions and ideals that we can and should embrace," he said. "The contract and those details are secondary to his commitment to Northeast Ohio and the Cavaliers. It extends well beyond the boundaries of basketball and speak to his love and passion for his family, home, and our fans. He communicated his role and growth as a husband, father, teammate, community leader, and business person.

"This resonated in a special and personal way for all of us. LeBron put it well when he stated; `In Northeast Ohio, nothing is given. Everything is earned.' We can't wait to get started and look forward to his leadership, on and off the court, for many years to come."

James spent his first seven seasons in the NBA with the Cavs, taking them to their first finals appearance in 2007. James is already the franchise leader in scoring (15,251 points), scoring average (27.8 PPG) field goals ((5,415), free throws made (3,650), steals (955) and minutes (22,119).

James is in Brazil to watch Sunday's World Cup final between Argentina and Germany.



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In this April 22, 2010, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James dunks against the Chicago Bulls during the second quarter of Game 3 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in Chicago. James told Sports Illustrated on Friday, July 11, 2014, he is leaving the Miami Heat to go back to the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Carmelo staying with Knicks

NEW YORK (AP)—Carmelo Anthony is staying with the New York Knicks.

Anthony has decided to remain in New York, choosing the Knicks over a number of teams which could have given him a better chance for the championship he craves.

The All-Star forward met with Chicago, Houston, Dallas and the Lakers, but has informed the Knicks he will return, a person with knowledge of the details told The Associated Press on Saturday on condition of anonymity because no announcement was made.

The Knicks offered Anthony a maximum contract worth nearly $130 million over five years, about $35 million more than any of his other suitors under NBA rules, though it's unknown what the final terms of his deal will be.

Yahoo Sports and the Daily News of New York first reported Anthony's plans.

Anthony came to the Knicks in February 2011 after a trade with the Denver Nuggets. He led the NBA in scoring in 2012-13 and was second last year but is more interested in team success, so he spent the last two weeks considering other homes.

But the combination of the millions more the Knicks could offer and the chance to keep playing on basketball's biggest stage was too hard to pass up for Anthony, a New York native who spent months trying for a trade to his hometown 3 1/2 years ago.

He wanted the Big Apple then and still does now.

His decision came a day after LeBron James announced he was going to sign in Cleveland, leaving Anthony as the best free agent on the market.

The Knicks did not comment. An announcement is expected Sunday.

Not even the first playoff-less season of his 11-year career convinced Anthony to leave, though he may have seriously considered it given that his decision didn't come until the 12th day of free agency.

Instead, he's putting his faith in team President Phil Jackson and coach Derek Fisher, who will try to rebuild the Knicks after they went 37-45 last season.

That poor finish gave Anthony no choice but to look at other teams, given the Knicks' salary-cap restraints and the difficulty of making enough changes to make them a contender next season.

He traveled around the country to listen to pitches, before the Knicks went to Los Angeles on July 3, offering him the max contract.

That was one of what Jackson said was perhaps five different proposals the Knicks made. Anthony has said he was open to taking less than the max and Jackson has said he hoped the star would to give the team more flexibility in the future.

Anthony spent the first 7 1/2 seasons of his career in Denver but let the Nuggets know in the summer of 2010 that he wanted a trade to New York. He finally got it the following February, the Knicks sending four of their top six players to Denver to make the deal.

New York gave Anthony and his actress wife the bigger platform they sought, but it hasn't brought him any closer to a championship. The Knicks did win the Atlantic Division and reach the second round of the playoffs in 2013, when Anthony led the league in scoring, but they quickly fell backward this season.

US hopefuls down but not out at Tour's 7th stage

NANCY, France (AP)—Two promising American riders with an outside shot at victory in the Tour de France this year hit the asphalt in crashes in Friday's seventh stage, but picked themselves up to resume the chase of overall leader Vincenzo Nibali.

The 234.5-kilometer (146-mile) ride from Epernay in Champagne country to eastern Nancy, which was won by Italian Matteo Trentin, was the latest installment of a first week of many spills in the pack, some of which led defending champion Chris Froome to pull out with an injury. That has blown the race wide open.

While relatively unscathed physically, BMC leader Tejay van Garderen took the biggest hit on Friday among the 10 or so riders who stand a reasonable chance of victory.

He was in the center of the pack with about 16 kilometers left, got bumped on his back wheel by a Movistar rider as he moved to the right. They tumbled, and then van Garderen got rolled over by another rider's bike.

He got back up, but lost more than a minute to Nibali and other contenders, even after several BMC teammates pedaled furiously to try to escort him back up to the pack.

''It's a tough blow, but the Tour is long, the race changes," van Garderen said of the time loss, and calling the crash ''nothing major. So I'll definitely be fine to start tomorrow... you just have to keep the course, you just have to keep fighting."

More significant may be the withdrawal of Colombia's John Darwin Atapuma, a good climber whom BMC was grooming to help escort van Garderen in the mountains ahead. Atapuma suffered a broken leg just above the knee.

Van Garderen, from Bozeman, Montana, dropped from 11th to 18th place overall, 3 minutes, 14 behind Nibali - after starting the stage only 2:11 adrift.

Andrew Talansky got bumped by Australia's Simon Gerrans in the final mad dash to the line. Talansky rolled over and grazed his left arm, with his jersey ripped at the shoulder.

Under course rules, Talansky didn't lose time in the title chase because his crash happened within the last three kilometers, so the Miami native remains eighth overall - 2 minutes, 5 seconds back.

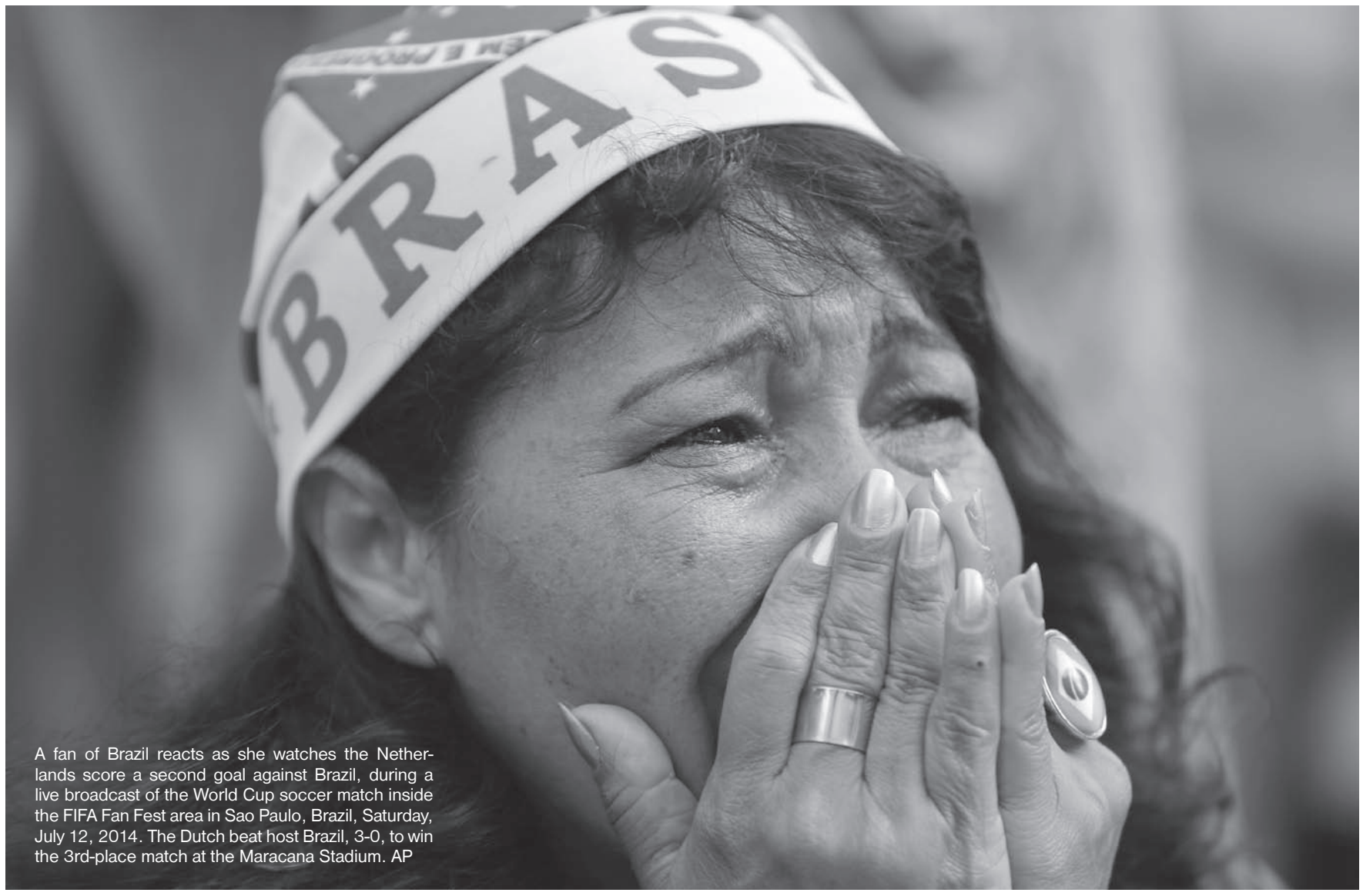
''It's not something that's going to affect him much," Garmin-Sharp team boss Jonathan Vaughters said of Talansky on French TV. ''I don't know if it was Gerrans' fault, but he's angry."

Van Garderen and Talansky represent the top echelon of American cycling ambitions at the Tour in the generation after dethroned doping cheats Floyd Landis and Lance Armstrong became emblems of a blighted era of drug use.

Nibali, the leader of the strong Kazakh team Astana, captured and has held the lead through a combination of savvy riding, calm and power on the English hills in Stage 2 - which he won. His lead is solid but not insurmountable with the biggest days of climbs in the Vosges, Alps and Pyrenees still to come.

Stage winner Trentin beat Slovakia's Peter Sagan by no more than an inch. The finish was so close that the Tour's website initially declared Sagan the winner.

Dejected Brazilians watch another World Cup loss



A fan of Brazil reacts as she watches the Netherlands score a second goal against Brazil, during a live broadcast of the World Cup soccer match inside the FIFA Fan Fest area in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Saturday, July 12, 2014. The Dutch beat host Brazil, 3-0, to win the 3rd-place match at the Maracana Stadium. AP

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —Brazilians already downhearted at missing out on reaching the World Cup final watched in dismay Saturday as their national team lost to the Netherlands 3-0 in the third-place match.

Across the nation, fans hoping for some measure of redemption were crushed as Brazil failed to score and said their only solace was that the country managed to put on a good World Cup show for the world.

Brazilian soldier Julio Cesar Carioca compared his connection with Brazil's team to life itself.

''You go into things with great expectations, but rarely do those expectations play out in reality,'' Carioca said. ''It's football. Things happen.''

In Rio, tens of thousands of fans watched the game on a massive TV on Copacabana Beach and the mostly Brazilian crowd stood in silence as the Netherlands knocked in one goal after another.

Argentine fans who have flooded into the city ahead of their country's final match against Germany on Sunday cheered and chanted songs mocking Brazil's football prowess.

At the Alzirao street fest in Rio where thousands cheered Brazil in earlier tournament games, only a few hundred showed up on Saturday and small business owner Angelica Morellato Seabra was among them wearing Brazil's national team jersey. She was disgusted with the outcome.

''I'm trying to forget the whole thing, but it's going to be difficult,'' said Seabra, 56. ''If you draw you forget, but if you lose like we do, forgetting is impossible.''

On Copacabana Beach, university student Luiz de Almeira shook his head in dismay each time Brazil seemed like it would score but missed opportunities.

''I'm proud of being Brazilian but I'm mad because we could have been making history,'' the 20-year-old business major said. ''The team has not shown what it is capable of doing and the only salvation is that Brazil has managed to show it could pull off a good World Cup.''

Nathalia Gomes, an 18-year-old high school student, said she hoped Brazil's World Cup would be remembered more for the people's hospitality than for the national team's losses, especially Brazil's 7-1 thrashing by Germany.

''This World Cup should go down in history for the friendliness of the fans, for the party we through and not for the 7-1 defeat,'' said Gomes, who watched the game from Alzirao.

Artur Jose, a 33-year-old administrative assistant, said Brazil's team for the 2014 tournament will be remembered as its worst ever.

''We didn't have any sort of strategy, no cohesion, no game and only one good player,'' he said, referring to Neymar, who was knocked out of the competition with an injury. ''The one good thing that might come out of this humiliation would be if people remember this feeling at the ballot boxes during the elections'' in October to select a new president.

''Brazil is going through hard times: On the pitch and off,'' he said.

While many Brazilians objected to the billions spent to put on the World Cup, few protests materialized during the event. But 66-year-old Magali Garcia Linares said the team's terrible performance reinforced her opposition to big spending by Brazil for international sporting events. The country next hosts the 2016 Olympics.

''How can you hold an event like this in a country with zero health, zero education?'' she asked. ''The quantities that were spent were vast and in vain. For this World Cup, the only things that were done were the visible things that foreigners would see and notice. The invisible things, things that really matter, were left undone.''

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superior strength in the rest of the field should make the difference. From goalkeeper to center forward, Germany is a team without a weakness. With the exception of an erratic performance against Algeria in the second round, Germany has played like a perfect team machine, getting goals from defenders, midfielders and forwards alike

Germany wants history

No European team has ever won a World Cup played in the Americas. Just one more source of motivation for Germany ahead of Sunday's final against Argentina.

''We know we can write history,'' Germany coach Joachim Loew said. ''South Americans have always dominated on their continent and this is an extra incentive for us.''

The geographical disadvantage is one of the few things going against Germany at the moment. The team has all the momentum after its 7-1 win over Brazil in the semifinals, and also contains many of the same players that beat Argentina 4-0 in the quarterfinals of the 2010 World Cup.

But Loew isn't expecting that kind of easy victory at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro on Sunday - and neither should anyone else, he said.

''Whoever does that hasn't studied Argentina closely,'' Loew said. ''Argentina here is a very strong team. It's very compact and its defense is much better organized'' than in 2010.

The teams also met in the 2006 quarterfinals, when Germany won a penalty shootout and players then came to blows afterward.

That game won't be in the minds of the players, though, midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger said.

''Miroslav Klose is the only one (from 2006) still on our team,'' Schweinsteiger said of Germany's 36-year-old veteran striker.

Klose is also the only player who remains from the team that lost the 2002 World Cup final to Brazil. However, the entire team has plenty of experience from big matches, including major cup finals in club competitions.

''We don't have pressure, we know how to deal with such a situation,'' Schweinsteiger said. ''We are focusing on what makes us strong. We have to remain calm and we have to be patient. It's surely not going to be simple, Argentina deserves to be in the final.''

As for anyone who plays Argentina, the key for Germany will be to stop Lionel Messi. But the Barcelona star is far from the only thing the team has to worry about, Loew said.

''They are very strong in winning the ball and counterattack very quickly,'' the coach said. ''They attack you early, they put you under pressure and they have a very fast transition.''

That means it will be a matchup of two fairly even teams, he added. Although Loew is among those who think Germany has the edge.

''We have a healthy dose of confidence and if we manage to play our game impose our style, we will win,'' Loew said.

Argentina defends Latin pride

Germany battles to become the first European side to win a World Cup on Latin American soil in Sunday's final against Argentina whose captain Lionel Messi is out to emulate the great Diego Maradona.

Germany are favorites after their ruthlessly efficient 7-1 demolition of hosts Brazil in the semi-final.

Yet in Messi, Argentina have one of the world's greatest current players who can turn a big game in a flash and would dearly love to bring home the World Cup for the first time since 1986 when the team was captained by Maradona.

In a mortifying twist for Brazilians whose rivalry with their South American neighbors runs deep, some 100,000 Argentines have invaded Rio de Janeiro for the final.

Some have paid $10,000 for an airline and hotel package, while others drove the 2,000 kilometers from Buenos Aires.

Argentine flags, tents and cars were dotted all around the famous Copacabana and Ipanema beaches in Rio. Many climbed up to the Christ statue, draping blue-and-white colors at the bottom.

Brazilian fans have largely thrown their lot in with Germany, hoping they can stop an Argentine win that would give them bragging rights for years. Some locals, with tickets to a game where they had dreamed of seeing Brazil lift a sixth World Cup, were instead donning Germany colors for the occasion.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	51	42	.548	—
Toronto	49	46	.516	3
New York	47	46	.505	4
Tampa Bay	43	53	.448	9 1/2
Boston	42	52	.447	9 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	53	37	.589	—
Kansas City	47	46	.505	7 1/2
Cleveland	46	47	.495	8 1/2
Chicago	45	50	.474	10 1/2
Minnesota	43	50	.462	11 1/2

West Division

Oakland	58	36	.617	—
Los Angeles	56	37	.602	1 1/2
Seattle	51	43	.543	7
Houston	40	55	.421	18 1/2
Texas	38	56	.404	20

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	50	42	.543	—
Atlanta	51	43	.543	—
Miami	44	49	.473	6 1/2
New York	44	50	.468	7
Philadelphia	42	52	.447	9

Central Division

Milwaukee	52	43	.547	—
St. Louis	52	43	.547	—
Cincinnati	50	44	.532	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	49	45	.521	2 1/2
Chicago	40	53	.430	11

West Division

Los Angeles	53	43	.552	—
San Francisco	51	43	.543	1
San Diego	41	53	.436	11
Colorado	40	54	.426	12
Arizona	40	55	.421	12 ½

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Knecht, Barry give back, suit up for Blue Ayuyus

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Two players who honed their soccer skills on Saipan are back on island to represent the CNMI in next week's preliminary for the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup.

Lucas Knecht and Bo Barry are donning the CNMI colors anew, as the Blue Ayuyus battle host Guam, Mongolia, and Macau in the EAFF Asian Cup qualifier that will run from July 21 to 27. Knecht came all the way from Georgia to suit up for the CNMI National Men's Team for the third time, while Barry traveled from Virginia. Both arrived on Saipan more than a week ago and have been joining the squad's regular training session at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Lucas Knecht juggles the ball during a practice session of the Blue Ayuyus last Friday night at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Asked what makes them return to Saipan and be part of the national team, Knecht and Barry, who last suited up for the CNMI in the Asian Football Confederation 2014 Challenge Cup Qualifiers in Nepal last year, said they owe the island a lot, specifically the foundation of the sport they love.

"I grew up here on Saipan and I'll always call it home so anytime I have an opportunity to represent my home I will always take it. I owe my whole beginning to this association (Northern Mariana Islands Football Association) and the many amazing people who helped start what we have. I'd never have it any other way," said Knecht, who now plays center defender for Georgia Southwestern State University.

Barry will soon start his collegiate career at Saint Leo after completing his high school stint with Massaponax, which came just three wins short of making it to the state finals.

"Playing for the CNMI is an honor. I would not trade anything to play for the CNMI. Anytime I have the chance to represent my country I will try my best to do so," he said.

Both Knecht and Barry played for the MP United Football Club when they were still on Saipan and were among the first few youth players to compete in off-island tournaments for the CNMI. They belonged to the first batch of players who went through the birth pains of CNMI football in the early 2000, playing in improvised pitches, training with raw and volunteer coaches, and relying on private companies for support on equipment.

"I first started playing for the CNMI when I was 13 years old, I was lucky enough to have been selected for a U14 tournament held in Beijing China in 2006," said Knecht, who noted the significant improvement of the sport in the Commonwealth.

"This island has made leaps, jumps, and bounds compared to our earlier days. Every time I come back I see such development in the players. This has a lot to do with the wonderful coaching staffs we are lucky enough to have, they are great and I always look forward to coming back and learning from such high level instruction. It's very encouraging and I hope it never stops," Knecht said.

Barry agreed to Knecht's observations and added that frequent exposure to high-level competition, such as the EAFF qualifier, will ensure the continued development of CNMI football.

"The coaching staff are excellent, the FA is great. The player' skills have improved a lot. As for the IQ for the game, one have to experience it from playing in actual games, like the ones we will have in Guam," Barry said.

In Guam, the Blue Ayuyus will first play Mongolia on July 21, while the Macau-CNMI match is set for July 24. The CNMI will close out the preliminary with a game against Guam on July 27. The CNMI's final roster for the EAFF qualifier will be announced this week.

The winner of the Round 1 will advance to the tournament in Chinese-Taipei later this year and play against the host, Hong Kong, and North Korea. The victor of Round 2 will then gain entry to the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup and join early qualifiers China, Japan, and South Korea.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Bo Barry attempts a fancy pass to a teammate during a practice session of the Blue Ayuyus last Friday night at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Final schedule for Micro Games out

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The local organizing committee has released the final schedule of events for the 8th Micronesian Games that will kick off this Sunday in Pohnpei.

After the opening ceremony on July 20, competitions in nine sports will start the following day at the various venues across the state. Basketball (men's and women's) will begin with its elimination round at the COM-FSN National Gym and matches will run until July 20. The CNMI, which will field men's and women's squads in basketball, will be pitted against Palau in its first game at 2pm. In the women's division, the Commonwealth cagebelles will debut against host Pohnpei at 6pm.

The CNMI's other games in the women's division are against Guam, Nauru, Palau, and Chuuk. In the men's division, the Commonwealth bets will also face Nauru, Pohnpei, and Chuuk. The Top 4 teams in each pool in the men's division will advance to the crossover playoff round with the No. 1 squad facing the No. 4 finisher and the No. 2 and 3 teams colliding in the other do-or-die match. In the women's division, only the Top 4 teams will move into the playoffs and pairings will be No. 1 against No. 4 and No. 2 versus No. 3.

In athletics where the CNMI has 18 entries, competitions will take place from July 21 to 24 at the PNI Track and Field, while swimming will be held for only three days, from July 21 to 23 at the PNI Swimming Pool. Canoe racing, which is set at the Lidakihka Beach, is scheduled for July 26 and 28. Preliminary races in the short distance are slated in the morning, while the finals will take place in the afternoon. The long distance events (20K and 15K) are set for July 28. The CNMI have delegates to both canoe racing and swimming.

In the highly-anticipated baseball competition, the CNMI will have an early rematch against defending champion Palau on July 22 at the Daini Field. Palau defeated the CNMI in the finals, 7-3, when the former hosted the Micro Games in 2010. After the finals rematch, the CNMI will collide against Kosrae on July 24 and meet Guam in the last game in the preliminary on July 25. The Top 2 teams after in the preliminary round will battle for the first finals berth. The loser in the fight for the first finals ticket will then have to challenge the victor of the No. 3 and 4 pairing for the last championship seat.

Meanwhile, in weightlifting, the nine-man CNMI team will compete from July 24 to 25 at the COM-FSN National Gym, while the Commonwealth's two-man spearfishing squad will have their contest on the same days at Mangrove Bay.

Other sports lined up in this year's Micro Games are softball, football, table tennis, lawn tennis, wrestling, and Micronesian All-Around. Over 2,000 athletes and officials are expected to participate in the 11-day competition.

SFA fishing tourney gets support from Yamaha, Joeten Motors

The Saipan Fishermen's Association in conjunction with Joeten Motors is sponsoring a "Yamaha outboard raffle" as part of 2014 Saipan International Fishing Tournament activities.

"Yamaha has been a co-sponsor of the Saipan International Fishing Tournament for many years, by contributing prizes and other in-kind products," Joeten Motors manager Peter Tenorio said. "Our company is also offering all Yamaha owners a parts and service special this month. It's a good time for the fishermen to prepare their boats and engines."

SFA president Gene Weaver expressed appreciation to Joeten Motors and Yamaha for their support and contribution to the upcoming Saipan International Fishing Tournament that will be held on July 19 and 20.

"The addition of the 'Yamaha outboard raffle' is a fun way to participate in this year's tournament. "Everyone can purchase a raffle ticket, you don't have to be a participant in the SFA tournament," Weaver said.

Raffle tickets for the "Yamaha outboard raffle" are just $5 each and you do not have to be present to win. Drawing will take place on July 21 at the SFA Awards Banquet. The Yamaha outboard motor is a 25 horsepower, four-stroke engine, which is valued at about $5,000.

For more information, contact Ed Diaz, at the Marianas Visitors Authority at tel. 664-3200, or SFA member Vicky Benavente at tel. 483-8425. ***(PR)***

Emon Lodge masters caging opens today

The Emon Lodge No.179 Basketball League 40 and Above Masters Division kicks off tonight at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Opening ceremonies start at 6pm, followed by the first game at 6:30pm. Seven teams are vying for this season's championship: Bluehaus, Armatech, Pacific Islands Club Chefs, Tan Holdings D &Q Degree, Hawaiian Rock, Mariana Resort & Spa, and I Love Saipan Ol'Aces.

Bluehaus will be led by Junar Guiab, Edsel Mendoza, Bruce Berline, Tony Diaz, Gus and Felix Palacios. Armatech will be led by Bong Malasarte, while PIC Chefs has Rommel Bartolo and Jun Tabora on its roster. D &Q Degree will be led by 3-point shooter Mark Rabago, while Hawaiian Rock is anchored by Jerry Lopez. Mariana Resort will lean on Boy Garcia and Jorge De Guzman, while I Love Saipan will pin its hopes on Leo Ruluked, Junior Rengul, and Ol'Aces standout Peter Camacho.

"We will be seeing a lot of good basketball for the 40 and above age group. This is like bringing back the old school basketball," league coordinator Abner Venus said in a press statement.

League organizers held a technical meeting last Friday at the conference room of the Ada gym, paving the way for the opening of the competition tonight. ***(PR)***

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Magical Messi or United Germany?

The Germans celebrate their semis win over Brazil. AP

2014 WORLD CUP
Final match
A rematch of the 1986 and 1990 finals, this is the first time the same two teams will have faced each other three times in the final. Argentina won in 1986, Germany in 1990.
Germany
July 13
Argentina
Coach Joachim Low
FIFA ranking 2
WC appearances 18
Best finish Winner 1954, 1974, 1990
Coach Alejandro Sabella
FIFA ranking 7
WC appearances 16
Best finish Winner, 1978, 1986
Source: FIFA
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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—The most entertaining World Cup in a generation comes down to a final match that pits the planet's best player against the tournament's best team.

Lionel Messi will lead Argentina out against Germany at Maracana Stadium on Sunday for a game that will define careers, cement legacies and be watched by a global audience of about a billion viewers.

And it's a matchup that means more to both sides than just a chance to lift one of the most hallowed trophies in sports.

For Messi, it's a chance to firmly make his case for being perhaps the greatest ever to play the world's most popular game. For Germany, it's an opportunity to make up for a number of near-misses over the last decade and re-establish itself as the dominant force in international football.

And then there's the matter of settling a historical score. Argentina and West Germany played each other in two straight World Cup finals in 1986 and '90, games that are well remembered in the sports psyche of both countries. Diego Maradona and Argentina won the first, the Germans took the second. So call this game the tiebreaker.

"At this point who is favorite, who is not, it doesn't make a difference," Argentina midfielder Maxi Rodriguez said. "Both teams feel a responsibility to go all the way."

Most would name Germany as the favorite, especially after its astounding 7-1 drubbing of host Brazil in the semifinals. Argentina only reached the final after eking out a penalty shootout win over the Netherlands following a 0-0 draw through 120 minutes.

Germany also dismantled Argentina 4-0 in the 2010 quarterfinals in South Africa.

"Germany is a great team. What happened to Brazil could happen to any team," Argentina forward Sergio Aguero said. "(But) we have players who can create danger up front. We're in the final for a reason."

Messi

One thing speaks against Germany, too. No European team has ever won a World Cup played in the Americas. Whether that's because of the climate, the fan support or something else, Germany thinks it can buck the trend.

"We are looking forward to playing a South American team in South America but we hope the Brazilian fans will be supporting us," Germany assistant coach Hansi Flick said. "We know the Argentina team very well, we've played often against them. We know what to expect."

The question is, what can Argentina expect from Messi?

For Argentina to have a chance, the Barcelona forward will have to perform considerably better than he did against the Netherlands, when he was hardly visible for most of the game.

The four-time world player of the year scored four goals in the three group games but is on a three-game scoring drought in the knockout stages—including two extra time periods. While fellow forwards Gonzalo Higuain and Sergio Aguero are both capable of deciding big games themselves, and the team's defense has looked surprisingly solid, it's hard to see Argentina winning without a big contribution from Messi.

For Germany, the equation is equally simple: If it can contain

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FAST FACTS

- Germany is set to play in their eighth World Cup final; more than any other nation. The Germans have won three titles.
- The Germans have won just one of their last four appearances in the World Cup final (1990 vs Argentina).
- Germany has now reached a World Cup final in each of the last seven decades (1954, 1966, 1974, 1982 and 86, 1990, 2002 and now 2014).
- Argentina is set to play in their fifth World Cup final, it had won two and lost two of the previous four.
- This will be the third World Cup final between Germany and Argentina. They met in successive finals in 1986 and 1990, with each team lifting the title (3-2 Argentina in 1986, 1-0 Germany in 1990).
- No other fixture has been played as often in a World Cup final as Germany vs Argentina.
- This is the 10th time that teams from Europe and South America face each other in the final. Seven of these finals have been won by the teams from South America.
- Both sides will face off for the seventh time at the World Cup, the only fixture that has been played as often is Brazil vs Sweden (seven times).
- Germany has won three and lost just one of the previous six World Cup encounters with Argentina (D2). Germany also won the penalty shootout in 2006 against Argentina.
- The last time Germany scored in a World Cup match and lost was the 1994 quarter final defeat to Bulgaria (1-2).
- Germany is unbeaten in 17 internationals (W12, D5).
- Argentina hasn't been trailing in any of its six games at the 2014 World Cup, Germany just eight minutes (vs Ghana).
- Argentina has won four out of five penalty shootouts at the World Cup, Germany won four out of four (including the one against Argentina in 2006).